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ASF moves to ban Aris and Boavista



Boavista of Portugal from left, standing: Alberto, Figueiredo, Babrosa, Eliseu, Artur, Matos. Front: Palhares, Xavier, Alvaro, Quiero, Reinaldo.

The Australian Soccer Federation is trying to stop Aris of Greece and Boavista of Portugal from playing against each other in Melbourne and Sydney.

The games are scheduled at Olympic Park at 8 pm on Friday, August 5 and at Marconi Stadium at 8 pm on Wednesday, August 10.

But the ASF told the two clubs they are not welcome in Australia, apparently because their matches would "harm" an international tournament planned here between Poland, Uruguay, Cameroon and Australia — in November.

Mr Frank Novas, of Novasport, the firm bringing Aris and Boavista to Australia, is up in arms over the ASF's attitude.

The ASF now is trying to make a FIFA clause giving it total control over what matches are or are not played in this country," he said.

"Yet every Greek and Portuguese soccer lover in Australia is looking forward to seeing these teams — and everyone knows how many Greek people will be disappointed if the ASF has its way."

Mr Novas said however, that as far as he was concerned, the matches between Aris and Boavista were still on.

The Victorian Soccer Federation offered no objection to

the match in Melbourne, and its delegates to the ASF have not even been informed by the ASF of its opposition to the matches.

Aris, of Salonika, and Boavista of Oporto, are being brought to Australia at a cost of \$350,000 — part of which will be recouped from gate takings at games in Malaysia and Kuwait on the club's way to Australia.

Aris and Boavista were to have played in a four-team tournament against Heidelberg-Alexander and Marconi, but the Australian Soccer Federation refused to grant permission, claiming it would disrupt the NSL competition.

Marconi or Heidelberg, whichever finished higher in the tournament, would have been contracted for a South American tour next January. That no longer applies, because insufficient funds will be available from the two remaining matches.

The top players of Aris are forward Kouis and Hungarian goalkeeper Sándor Guldár. Boavista's star is midfielder Jogo Alves, who has just transferred from Benfica.

Already the subject of two transfers over the million mark, (Benfica to St Germain of Paris, and then back to Benfica), Alves was last season the target of Atletico Madrid, Udinese of Italy and A. S. Roma.

Both teams have plenty of internationals, eight in the Boavista squad, nine in the Aris squad, and following a trend common in Europe, both teams also have internationals from other countries.

In the case of Aris, it has the Hungarian international Sándor Guldár and the Cypriot George Pangiaras.

Boavista has the Yugoslav Borota, and Reinaldo, the African

The Aris and Boavista squads with (A) and (U/23) internationals:

ARIS

Ionnidis Evangelos (president)
John Mesochoritis (vice-president)
Kiofingoglou Lazaros (doctor)
Antonola Georgiadis (coach)
Klimis Gounaris (assistant coach)
Sándor Guldár (A) Hungarian
George Pangiaras (A) Cyprus
John Michailitsos (U/23)
John Tzifopoulos
John Venos (A)
Haralampous Savidis
Leonides Voudou
Kostas Kouis (A)
George Smertidis
Vasilios Peristeropoulos (U/23)
Nikolaos Hatzimantonios (U/23)
George Zindros
Haralampous Doulgerakis
Kiriakis Antoniadis (U/23)
Kiriakis Biblaidis (U/23)
Theodoros Zeilidis
John Hatzinikolaou

BOAVISTA

Valentim Loureiro (president)
Acacio Lelo (doctor)
Alvaro Carolino (coach)
Diamantino Moura (physio)
Luis Matos (A)
S. Borota (A) Yugoslav
Antonio Quelro
Filipe Figueiredo
Fernando Martins
Artur Ferreira
Adao Silva (A)
Manuel Barbosa
Eliseu Ramalho (A)
Jose Moreira
Antonio Almeida (A)
Carlos Brito
Mauricio Reinaldo (A)
Jorge Silva (U/23)
Rui Palhares (A)
Jose Coelho (A)
Jorge Medureira
Jogo Alves (A)

States to form super leagues in opposition to the NSL

Victoria, NSW, South Australia and Queensland have agreed to form super leagues, with interstate play-offs, no matter what the National League decides to do.

In other words, Australia may have two national competitions from next season.

And we would have two national champions — the winner of the NSL competition, and the winner of the play-offs between the super leagues.

First, however, the States will invite the NSL clubs to leave their present competition and join the super leagues.

The NSL already has said it is not interested and will carry on in its present 16-club format if the States vote against a proposal to increase the NSL to 24 clubs.

The vote on the 24-team proposal will be taken at a meeting in Melbourne last Saturday to vote against the proposal, because it would rob the federations of their strongest clubs.

The four States will form the majority at the ASF meeting. The creation of super leagues will involve drastic reorganisation of State competitions.

In Victoria, the super league will have 10 clubs. Below it will be the State League, and perhaps State League Division Two, State League Division Three, Four, Five, Six and so on.

This type of reorganisation may involve the abolition of the Metropolitan and Provisional Leagues which now have their own management committees.

A Federation examining committee would decide the composition of each league. Clubs would be placed in order of merit so, theoretically, a club presently in Fourth Division could find itself in the State League or even the super league.

If the NSL clubs stay within their own competition, the Victorian super league could look something like this: Croatia, Ajax, Polonia, Morwell Falcons, Juventus, Fawcner, Sunshine-George Cross, Croydon, Northcote and Box Hill.

The State League could be: Doveton, Wilhelmina, Albion Rovers, Frankston Pines, Knox, North Dandenong, South Oakleigh, Bulleen, Holland Park, St Albans, Broadmeadows, Thomastown, Doncaster Rovers and Hellas.

It's only an example to show how clubs from lower leagues could be promoted through the ranks in the reorganisation, as there's no reason for any club to jump up and down about being omitted from the example.

The word from South Australia is that there could be three eight-team leagues as against the present 10 in First Division, 12 in Second Division and 12 in Metropolitan.

The top eight-team league would be the so-called "super league" and it could comprise Azzurri, Beograd, Para Hills,

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Croatia, Polonia, Birkalla, Campbelltown and either Elizabeth or Port.

If Adelaide City and West Adelaide do not quit the NSL, they may no longer be allowed to compete in the SA Federation leagues. The same may apply to Hellas, Makedonia, JUST and Heidelberg in Melbourne.

The NSW National League clubs do not compete in Federation leagues. Rather, they play their reserve players in the National Youth League.

If NSW decides on a 10-team super-league, it could be: Croatia, Melita, Blacktown, Kuringai, Avala, Inter-Monaro, Sutherland, Polonia, Canterbury and Yugal.

The Federations propose that the top two or three from each super league play off against each other at the end of the league season.

A competition between the winners of the various State Cup competitions also is envisaged, similar to the European Cup Winners' Cup series.

And there's another plan to have a sort of European Champions Cup competition between the winners of the previous season's super leagues, as well as a regular carnival between State representative teams.

In Victoria, the State League has been informed of all the plans and so far is supporting them. The Metropolitan League clubs have no reason to vote against the plans, as under those plans, many Metro clubs will find themselves promoted to higher leagues.

The proposals for reorganisation have been worked out by a VSF sub-committee com-

prising John Dimtsis, Vito Cilaurio, Lew Stafrace, John Hodgson and Frank Burin.

Mr Cilaurio, chairman of the State League management committee, stresses that the federations are not opposed to the NSL as it stands. "We are only concerned about the proposal to increase the NSL to 24 teams, which would involve State League clubs leaving the federations and thus damaging the States," he said.

As part of their entitlement to the NSL clubs, the States

have undertaken to set aside Sundays exclusively for super league games. If the NSL clubs joined the super leagues, they would play without competition from the many other leagues operating on Sundays.

Western Australia, although not represented at last Saturday's meeting, has said it would be interested in participating in an interstate competition run by the States.

"We haven't discussed the matter with Tasmania yet, but the ACT does not support super leagues although it does oppose the NSL's 24-team proposal," VSF secretary George Wallace said.

Australian soccer would have made no significant progress over the past seven years had it not been for the formation of the National League, its chairman Sam Papasavas said this week.

"Look at the assets that clubs have acquired since the formation of the NSL," Papasavas said.

"South Melbourne consolidated its position at Middle Park by buying out Hakoah and spending \$200,000 on a VIP room, restaurant and Press box.

"Preston has built its own social club. Heidelberg has acquired a ground and built a stand.

"Footscray has obtained a long-term lease on its ground and is in the process of building social rooms and a stand.

"Brisbane City has spent a million dollars on Spencer Park. St George spent about the same on its ground, and Brisbane Lions also established new headquarters.

"The initial impact of the NSL encouraged these clubs to take financial risks which they otherwise would not have taken."

Papasavas was defending the NSL against recent criticism engendered by the great regionalisation debate.

"It's only the NSL that has managed to keep in Australia players who otherwise would have gone overseas, or who would have retired. Alan Davidson and Peter Katholos for example, are good enough to make it overseas, but they'd been kept here by financial inducements from NSL clubs.

"The Youth League is solely a product of the NSL and it was introduced only after a lot of pressure on the ASF which didn't encourage it at all initially.

"Our successes in the World Youth Championships also are the result of the NSL, and the standard of the national team is directly related to the NSL.

"We cannot however, be held responsible for the team's failure to reach the last two World Cups, because so many other factors were involved. We always have maintained that we have players of sufficient quality but unfortunately we had

little say in the administration of the national team."

Papasavas added that the NSL also had lifted the playing standard in Australian soccer. "By awarding three points for a win this year, we had hoped to bring about even more attractive football but we really haven't had the chance to assess the effectiveness of the scheme."

It was the NSL, Papasavas continued, that introduced top soccer to Canberra, Newcastle, Wollongong and, to a lesser extent, Brisbane.

"Now the NSL is the only prestigious national sports competition in Australia, apart from the National Basketball League," he said.

Papasavas said clubs should be encouraged to import coaches able to inject more excitement into the local game, especially since the clubs won't be able to import players from 1985 onwards.

He stressed that the NSL would continue in its present form if the ASF votes against the proposal to increase the league to 24 teams.

He said the league was anxious to include ambitious clubs that are trying to get in.

Papasavas defends NSL

I see something of the beauty of the game, not in most matches may be athletic, may be tough

shows the way to survival!

Drumi Polgar, a great believer in entertaining soccer, rushes to Frank Arok's rescue about the recent England matches.

"Arok was absolutely right. He had to go for results," he says. "In important international matches that's all that counts. And it was important that we have some good results against England. They were the great stars, they were supposed to show us what million-pound players can do, but didn't. Actually, they paid the price for their arrogance. Next time they will stop being patronising and send out the best team, not a mish-mash."

"But in club football, I still say we should be more adventurous, otherwise the drabness and boredom will chase away the remainder of our spectators."

He just shakes his head in disbelief when talking about today's staggering football earnings and transfer fees.

"We had better crowds in the 1930s and 1940s in Budapest than they have today. And when we travelled to the World Cup in 1938 to Paris, we were paid 5 pengos a day (then about a dollar) and 300 pengos for winning the silver medal (about a month's clerical salary). And we thought we were richly paid for doing what we would have done anyway as we loved it — playing soccer. Many of today's players talk only about money — but can't even trap a ball."

Searching his myriad soccer memories, Polgar comes up with two names as the greatest of his time: Meazza of Italy and Orth of Hungary. Yet he made his international reputation against another great Italian star, Silvio Piola whom he put into his "pocket in a classic Hungary v Italy in Genoa in 1940 and also three years earlier when Ferenc Puskas beat Lazio in Rome in the final of the Mitropa Cup. Polgar — originally a central striker — became the first internationally famous "stopper" of Hungarian soccer.



Polgar (white shirt) playing for Hungary against Switzerland.

when the switch came to the WM-system.

"Every Sunday when I go to a match I hope against hope that I see something of the beauty of the game, not just a terrible struggle for the points. We need more players like Joe Watson, Ken Boden and Dez Marton if we are to bring the crowds back. The slam-bang that goes on in most matches may be athletic, may be tough — but it's very primitive soccer."

"And surely our coaches

must realise by now that it's not what people want to see."

Slam-bang or not, Polgar cannot get soccer out of his system, he will be there again on Sunday and the Sunday after that as long as he lives.

What's more, he pays his \$1 pensioner admission fee at the gates as a humble fan — unlike those 'important' personages who, by their hundreds, flash a special pass of some sort.

And they couldn't even kick an apple.

• Peter Verechia

Peter Verechia is not Italian. Repeat, not Italian! He's Scottish, 20 years old, plays with Box Hill in the Victorian State League and by my reckoning is the outstanding young striker in the league.

"It's great playing against Italian clubs like Juventus and Fawcner because you don't cop so much stick from their fans," said Verechia, a situation which could change after our large Italian readership scans this story.

"Why me?" asked Verechia when I rang to interview him last week, a question perhaps prompted by the youngster's recent playing career which has seen him obscured by more glamorous former teammates like Scott Patterson and Mike Valentine, now at Heidelberg Alexander. This trio played with Box Hill's under-18's, coached by Patterson's father, Wally, to a staggering 7-2 win in the final of the

Verechia's catching up on Valentine and Patterson

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

works very hard during a match. His fast-improving skill has added a new dimension to his capability, and enhanced his potential to the extent that at least two Melbourne-based NSL clubs are certain to try to sign him at the end of this season.

Verechia, Pedro Ramos, Ian Roodhouse and John Gabrielson could be targets of NSL clubs next year. Box Hill now has a reputation as an outstanding breeding ground of the stars of tomorrow and the club will have its work cut out trying to keep its wealth of young talent. Verechia can't speak highly enough of team mate Ramos.

"On pure skill, there's no one who can touch Pedro. It beats me why he's not already in the NSL. He's at least equal in every way to Scott Patterson and Mike Valentine.

"Ian Roodhouse is a hard man to get past at the best of times. He's so quick that he recovers lightning fast."

"John Gabrielson has a big future if he keeps working hard at his game. He learns a lot from playing alongside Donald Brownlie and he's a really good marker."

Verechia attributes his rapid improvement to his coach, Bill Murray, a former player whose coaching reputation has blossomed recently.

"Bill's brilliant. He can't do enough for his players, always available. You can talk to him anytime about anything and he always listens and helps in any way he can. He's worked very hard on improving my control and it's paying off at last."

Verechia and Ramos took training for Box Hill's under-

14's last week. They've taken junior training before, in fact, its quite in vogue for the club's seniors to hold sessions with the kids.

"We're a pretty close club. A lot of the lads often help out with the juniors and it's very enjoyable. The kids can relate to us better than someone they see on TV."

Verechia is in his third year as an apprentice electronics technician with the Ten network. Job security has dimmed any need to make the income potential of soccer an important consideration.

"Money isn't the most important thing in soccer. Being happy at a club is what counts. You don't realise that until you leave."

"Box Hill never holds onto a player who wants to go. It might be a bit of a problem keeping the side together next year but right now I'm enjoying myself. At the start of the season, with Scott still with us and Alan McKenna and Brian Keenan brought to the club, I figured that I'd spent most of the year sitting on the bench so you can understand that I'm happy with the way things have turned out."

"We've done better than most people thought we'd do. Playing in State League isn't as hard as I anticipated. It was a challenge though and I think we're all getting used to it now. I think we were a bit tense in the early games but we're much more relaxed and confident at present and I think we'll do very well in the run home. We're a chance for fourth spot, you know. We're as good as Polonia, Croydon or Morwell. All the lads know that."

Youth Cup not worth the time and effort

By WALTER PLESS

Are we in Australia placing too much emphasis on our current national youth team? Are we putting too many of our all-too-scarce resources into a team that is, by its very definition and composition, transitory in nature?

I believe that we are. The current team is passe.

No one would deny that the team did well to qualify for the World Youth Championships in Mexico. But it failed to qualify for the quarter-finals.

Why, therefore, continue to fling a dead horse by coming up with proposals to play the current team against other national youth teams? Even if our present team had won the Mexican tournament, there would be few reasons for doing this, other than those of a sentimental nature.

The type of junior international game that has been proposed for November is of little use. It is time to rebuild the youth team and to prepare for the 1985 competition, if we decide to contest it.

Is the tournament worth all the time and effort that is put into it, by Australia especially?

The competition initially was conceived as a way to promote the development of soccer in the so-called 'underdeveloped' soccer nations. And yet look at the countries that have won the championship since its inception: the USSR, Argentina, West Germany and Brazil.

In the past we even have seen countries that are strong at senior international level send only second-grade or even third-grade teams to the championships, or withdraw completely. Witness West Germany, the 1981 winner, which sent a third-choice team to Australia, and then only because the real qualifier had withdrawn.

The tournament may be gaining in prestige, especially now that Brazil has won it. And some of the novices, such as South Korea, have played well. Some countries even have built up a good showing at the World Youth Championships to perform well at subsequent senior World Cup tournaments. Cameroon is a prime example here. But youth championships are just that, youth championships. The relationship with senior championships is tenuous at best.

We would do well to remember that very few youth international players progress to the senior international ranks. The proportion which does is low in many 'developed' soccer countries and is, at best, only slightly higher in 'underdeveloped' soccer countries such as Australia.

Youth teams lack stability as players necessarily are changed every couple of years, so why persevere with our current team which won't be competing in 1985 anyway? Why play the current team against other countries?

We may continue to contest the World Youth Championship, but we must keep things in proper perspective. Some writers, such

as Brian Glanville for instance, have denounced the competition. They regard it with some cynicism, claiming it is a purely commercial exercise and of no benefit to the young players who participate. They would argue that it brings out the worst in young players.

There is much evidence to support this view.

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NZ's loss JUST's gain

By PAUL MOON

It is a tribute to the ability of Footscray JUST recruit Gary McDowell that both his old club, Hamilton Academicals, and the club he almost joined — New Zealand champion Mount Wellington — expressed sincere regret about losing him.

The Aucklanders had envisaged McDowell as a replacement for the Sydney Olympic destined Ricki Herbert in the heart of their defence when they approached him late last year.

The Scot verbally agreed to

join The Mount, only to change his mind when JUST offered more lucrative terms.

Newspapers in both Scotland and New Zealand reported that McDowell had signed a two-year contract. This, in fact, is not true. No binding agreement was made and Mount Wellington displayed no animosity when its would-be central defender telephoned to say he was Melbourne-bound.

The club appreciated his preference for a higher grade of soccer but was naturally disappointed at not having such a quality player in its ranks.

Hamilton manager John Blackley however was dismayed upon hearing McDowell's future lay Down Under.

Shortly after dropping the

bombshell, Academicals' captain declared to the Press: "After so long with Hamilton I'll be sorry to leave but in the present climate I have to think of my future."

He was in his seventh year at Douglas Park. Eventually Blackley persuaded his most consistent player to stay until Hamilton was assured of retaining First Division status.

This also gave McDowell the opportunity to chalk up the milestone of 200 league appearances.

Although he has experience in both defence and attack, it is as a powerful midfielder that the 23-year-old will be best remembered in Scotland and probably the position in which JUST is likely to gain most value from its acquisition.

that he was prepared to come to better financial arrangements with me but I told him that money had nothing to do with it.

"People lose sight of the human element in the game, not just in playing, but in coaching. I have to give everything to my players to get them to give all they've got in return."

"The sense of achievement I experienced from bringing success to the State team and being the first coach to bring a National League honor (the 1980 grand final) back to Melbourne with Heidelberg are things you can't hang price tags on."

"I've never been motivated by the dollar. Coaching is the most important thing in my life."

'I'm not after money': McKendry

South Melbourne Hellas coach Len McKendry is disturbed by recent press speculation over his salary.

"I have and always will be, principally motivated by a challenge and that is exactly what the Hellas job offers me," said McKendry.

"I took the Victorian State team job because it was a challenge to put competitive credibility into the State team. I took on the Green Gully job because it was an enormous challenge to keep bringing success to a club which had basked in success in recent times. And I've taken on the Hellas job because it is a challenge to go to a top team with a

huge support and bring it the success it should have."

McKendry emphasised that financial reward was an incidental bonus in a profession in which he is absorbed.

"The thrill for me is to work with players, to put my ideas across and if they work it is extremely gratifying. I feel very fortunate to have been able to earn a living from a profession I love," he said.

"When Arnold Langer approached me to do the Green Gully job, he made me an offer which I accepted. I was more interested in taking on a task which others seemed scared of doing because the club had won so much over the past two years. When I told Arnold about the Hellas offer, he asked me if it was the money that drew me to Hellas. He said

Manly's top four chances slim

Round 17 of the NSW State League has pushed Croatia and Melita further ahead at the top of the table while the battle for fourth spot intensified. Kuringai lost away to Croatia and slipped behind Avala, winners at home to Blacktown.

Those two results had much bearing on the outcome of the top four. Had Blacktown beaten Avala, one would assume that the top four would have had three certain starters with almost nine rounds to go.

As it is, Avala now has forged ahead and is only two points behind Blacktown with Kuringai a further point behind in fifth spot. Sutherland, after an awful display against Monaro, only could manage a draw and now sits in sixth spot, one point adrift from Kuringai but with a game in hand.

Inter Monaro, Manly, and suddenly Yugal are not without a chance of snatching fourth spot, but Sutherland, Kuringai and Avala have the best of chances of joining Blacktown in the top four alongside Melita and Croatia.

As for the Premiers, well, wait for July 31 when Blacktown plays Croatia at the Gabble, then turn up at King Tomislav Park to see Melita battle Croatia in what promises to be the battle of 1993.

Manly Warringah, the team that promised so much at the start of the season must be now feel out of contention for the top four despite the fact that only three points separate Manly from Avala in fourth spot. At this stage it is difficult to assume that Manly could conquer not only a one game deficit but also a run of encounters against Sutherland and Croatia in the next two rounds.

Avala 2 Blacktown 1

Scorers: Turnbull og, Muniz pen (A), Stoddart (B).

AVALA: Ahrens, Vujnovic, Deklar, Barton, McKenzie, Milne, Housseini, Muniz, Tih, Burrows (13 Fernandez), Rodriguez. **BLACKTOWN:** Koon, Wheately, Rasmussen, Turnbull, Pointer, Selva, Bregon, Stoddart, O'Shane, (Pearson 70), McLaughlin, Kirwan. Avala fell back to an early goal by John Stoddart but came back to take the two points with more luck than good management. Warren Turnbull equalised for Avala

Auburn 3 Manly Warr 2

Scorers: Carney 2, Allan (A), Smith, Geoghean (M).

AUBURN: Bowman, Kelly, Kihelky, Plonick, Hardwick, Jones, McDermid, Bobanic (Quigley 77), Allen, Martinez (Kinsey 67), Carney. **MANLY WARRINGAH:** Cassattari, Geoghean, Jones (Van Helden 70), K. Falconer, Scott, Williamson, Steven (sent off 87), Sherman, Smith, P. Falconer, Stuart (Noble 93).

Auburn edged two points nearer safety by beating Manly at Mona Park by an odd



NSW State League with ALEX VESIC

goal, with Ray Carney collecting two goals and providing the service for the other.

Hector Martinez made his debut for Auburn and played well enough during the first half but found the going a little too fast for his liking during the second period. However, the clever Argentinian was long enough on the park to show some fine touches which made him one of the better players in this league.

It was Martinez who held the ball long enough to size up the situation before providing McDermid with the opening in the 12th minute. Quick passes to Allan and Carney with Carney taking a shot from an angle led to the first goal. Bobby Allen took the rebound to slam it back past Cassattari to give Auburn a 1-0 lead.

Four minutes later Carney was there again. Hardwick found Carney and the nippy striker let fly with a super shot which eluded Cassattari for Auburn's second goal.

After 34 minutes Manly was back in the game through Terry Smith. "Goal a game!" Smith, and Peter Falconer were involved in the 34th minute goal by Manly. A free kick by Falconer rebounded off one defender to the feet of Smith and the old goal poacher did not waste time in poking it past Bowman.

Soon after half time the home side made sure of its two points. Carney picked up a through ball by McDermid before running four to five metres then slamming a good shot wide of Cassattari.

Manly came back through a good goal by Geoghean from a set piece move, but failed to reproduce the finish a few minutes later and Auburn struggled home to record its second win of the season and sweet revenge over Manly to whom Auburn had lost by the same score at Cromer Park at the start of April.

While Auburn has given itself a chance of fighting to escape the wooden spoon, Manly now has lost almost all chance of getting into the top four.

Melita 2 Canterbury 1

Scorers: D. Allan, McAusland (ME), Andrew (C).

MELITA EAGLES: McPherson, Williams, McAusland, Daley, Griffith, Duarte, Jamison, Allan, Farrugia, McKie. **CANTERBURY:** El Zein, Antonopoulos, Tazzone, Law, Hantiz, Andreou, Laing, Binos, Theodoropoulos, Thamiades, Basterfield (Dimitrou 65).

It was a game of two halves with Canterbury the better side during the first 45 minutes and Melita on top during the second period.

Accordingly, Canterbury scored its goal in the 34th minute through Allan and McAusland in the 46th and 77th minutes respectively. Both sides managed to miss chances, more so home side Melita, with Raul Blanco very unhappy about the whole thing. In fact, that was the longest lasting bit the side received from Blanco during the interval that it came out firing on all cylinders during the second half.

It is still dubious despite many rumours to the contrary, that Melita has what it takes to win the title. Sure, Melita made it look much better during the second period. Sure the home team subdued Canterbury and got the points it needed, but was it what the "doctor ordered" for the thousands of spectators who braved the weather to come to the game. What about entertaining them?

Blanco, a coach who thirsts for skillful soccer, was very angry last Sunday. Now that Melita is equal top with Croatia, one need not worry about the security of its top four spot and surely some entertaining play should ensue, particularly for this strong and vocal Maltese crowd.

For Canterbury, the saga of bad luck and poor play continues. Despite the presence of Thamiades, Laing, Basterfield and Theodoropoulos and with the very agile El Zein in goal Canterbury conceals goals with consummate ease.

Yugal 1 Bankstown 0

Scorer: McIntosh 80.

YUGAL: Berry, Turkubulu, Gagic, Forrester, McIntosh, Clarke, Pahar, Baumgartner, Morillo (70) M. KOVSKII, Zivkovic, Tanovski. **BANKSTOWN:** Lohman, Kennedy, King, Parsons, Back (Silver 80), Blackburn, Bourke, Parker, Gilligan (72), Sillins, Dolton, Brown.

Yugal managed to edge its way towards a top four with a

late goal by David McIntosh, but failed to serve notice as a serious contender for the title. A corner kick and a good jump by the tall Yugal defender and Lohman was beaten. That was all it took for Yugal to take the points.

For Yugal it was Turkubulu and Gagic who shone with skillful displays while McIntosh and Clarke failed to endear themselves with some over-enthusiastic tackles. Ricky Baumgartner, the son of the famous Leo, was in fine touch getting close to being the man of the match and showed some skills reminiscent of his father's abilities.

Bankstown might have done better.

Alas, the visitors did not have the finishing ability up front. Marty Sillins, the man who scored six goals in the second grade game last weekend for Auburn, was odds on to appear in the Auburn first grade side. Sillins fronted, replacing Gilligan in the 72nd minute, but a little too late for the youngster to make an impression on Yugal.

Croatia 2 Kuringai 1

Scorers: Woods pen, Silva (Cr), Regan (K).

CROATIA: Watson, Woods, Tomasic, Kavacic, Sterrey, Basic (Davies 65), Silva, Savor, Arnold, Rezo, Hensman. **KURINGAI:** Curtis, Keven, Watson, Bertram, Robertson, Berry (20) Williamson (70) Chaloner, Knight, Brockbank, Regan, Eaton, Leak.

Croatia came into this game looking for an early goal and pressured Kuringai for some 20 minutes giving Curtis extensive practice. But as time wore on the visitors managed to get into the game and threaten the goal at the other end.

Peter Hensman almost scored for Croatia after 30 minutes but his header went just wide, then Steve Leak scored for Kuringai only to have the goal disallowed by the linesman. It was a curious decision as the referee appeared satisfied with the way the goal was scored then after consultation with his linesman, changed his mind.

However, Leak managed to break through once more a few minutes later and this time he was on the spot again, beating Watson with ease, but the ball hit the junction of the crossbar

Results of round 17: Yugal-Bankstown 1-0, McIntosh; Melita-Canterbury 2-1, Allan, McAusland; (ME), Andrew (C); Croatia-Kuringai 2-1, Woods, Silva (Cr), Regan (K); Sutherland-Inter Monaro 0-0, Adams-Marty Warringah 3-2, Allen, Carney 2 (A), Sills, Geoghean (NW); Avala-Blacktown 2-1, Turnbull og, Muniz pen (A), Stoddart B. POLONIA - BYE.

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| MELITA EAGLES | 11 | 2 | 3 | 30 | 24 |
| BLACKTOWN | 10 | 5 | 3 | 30 | 20 |
| AVALA | 6 | 6 | 2 | 17 | 18 |
| Kuringai | 6 | 5 | 4 | 15 | 17 |
| Sutherland | 5 | 4 | 4 | 14 | 16 |
| Inter Monaro | 5 | 5 | 5 | 22 | 15 |
| Manly Warringah | 5 | 5 | 6 | 24 | 15 |
| Yugal | 4 | 6 | 5 | 15 | 14 |
| Polemia | 3 | 5 | 6 | 19 | 11 |
| Canterbury | 4 | 2 | 10 | 23 | 10 |
| Bankstown | 2 | 3 | 11 | 17 | 8 |
| Auburn | 2 | 1 | 11 | 18 | 5 |

THIS WEEK

Friday: Yugal-Auburn, Melita-Stadium.

Saturday: Blacktown-Canterbury, Soccer Centre.

Sunday: Kuringai-Polemia, Parklands; Inter Monaro-Croatia, Marco Polo; Manly-Sutherland, Cromer Park; Blacktown-Avala, Gabble; Avala, Melita, Gabble.

SATURDAY

STATE LEAGUE 1st DIVISION: Newbury Workers v Blacktown United at Jones Oval; Auburn v Parramatta United at Auburn Reserve.

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vs. Liverpool Rangers v Murray Farm Range at Inland Park.

INTER URBAN 5th DIVISION: Concord Juniors v St Marys RSL at Edwards Park, Lane Cove; v St George's at St George's Reserve.

SUNDAY

STATE LEAGUE 2nd DIVISION: Lid of NSW v One Way at Little Bay Oval; Fairy Meadow v Parramatta City at Palmyra Reserve; Warringah v Gladesville Reserve at Narrabeen Reserve; Camer, Wollongong United v North Bankstown at Bankstown Sports Ground.

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O'Connor one point behind



Phil O'Connor of Wollongong has moved to within one point of leader **Charlie Yankos** (Heidelberg) after polling eight of a possible 12 points from two games during the week, in the Boral Bricks Australian Player of the Year award.

The winner of the award will receive \$1500 in cash. And the league's top scorer will get \$1000. Claude Lucchesi (Makedonia) remains the top scorer with eight goals, one more than John Kosmina (Sydney City) and Gary Ward (Makedonia).

St George goalkeeper Terry Greedy made a major advance in the voting by picking up 10 points from two games, leaving him equal third with Neil Banfield (Adelaide City).

Other surges came from Alan Davidson (South Mel-

bourne) and David Ratcliffe (St George).
HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER 2 (Blair own goal, Tansey) **SOUTH MELBOURNE** 3 (Yankos own goal, Murphy, Egan) at Olympic Village. Crowd about 6500. Votes by Laurie Schwab: 6 Crino (SM), 5 Tansey (SM), 4 Davidson (SM), 3 Yankos (H), 2 Brown (SM), 1 Blair (SM).

WOLLONGONG 1 (Willis) **PRESTON-MAKEDONIA** 1 (Odzakov) at Ziem Park. Crowd 3014. Votes by Peter Sharp: 6 Wilson (Mak), 5 Gaffney (W), 4 McMillan (Mak), 3 O'Connor (W), 2 Baker (W), 1 Odzakov (Mak).

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 2 (Paton) 2 **SYDNEY CITY** 2 (Hakoah) 1 (Boden) at Concor Reserve. Crowd 1500. Votes by Peter Desira: 6 McDowell (JUST), 5 Curovic (JUST), 4 O'Connor (SC), 3 Robertson (SC), 2 Kyriakoulas (JUST), 1 Watson (SC).

BRISBANE CITY 3 (Falco 2, Hughes) **APIA-LEICHHARDT** 2 (Gray, Jones) at Spencer Park. Crowd 1500. Votes by Ricky Rosso: 6 Falco (BC), 5 Pimblett (BC), 4 Gray (APIA), 3 Liddel (BC), 2 Bradley (APIA), 1 Wishart (BC).

BRISBANE LIONS 0 **ST GEORGE BUDAPEST** 3 (Skeen, R. O'Shea, Slater) at Perry Park (mid-week). Crowd about 600. Votes by Ricky Rosso: 6 Greedy (St.G), 5 Skeen (St.G), 4 Wright (BL), 3 R. O'Shea (St.G), 2 Ratcliffe (St.G), 1 Vincent (BL).

ST GEORGE BUDAPEST 0 **WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS** 0 at St George Stadium. Crowd 1910. Votes by Peter Scott: 6 Ratcliffe (St.G), 5 Crook (WA), 4 Greedy (St.G), 3 McGregor (WA), 2 Heys (WA), 1 M. O'Shea (St.G).

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENUS 0 **NEWCASTLE KB UNITED** 1 (Mountford) at Olympic Sports Field. Crowd 950. Votes by Meno Toutsidis: 6 Lowe (N), 5 Mountford (N), 4 Nyskohus (AC), 3 Banfield (AC), 2 Gosling (N), 1 Rankin (AC).

LIONS 1 (Niven pen) at Marconi Stadium. Crowd 3200. Votes by Alex Vesic: 6 Djordjevic (M), 5 Niven (BL), 4 Bozanic (M), 3 Hunter (BL), 2 R. Stewart (BL), 1 McClurg (BL).

WOLLONGONG 1 (Cotton) **SYDNEY OLYMPIC** 2 (Pateron, Patalis) at St George Stadium (Mid-week). Crowd 3085. Votes by Alex Vesic: 6 Katholos (SO), 5 O'Connor (W), 4 Vardareff (W), 3 Bradly (APIA), 2 Soper (SO), 1 Patikas (SO).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 3 (Pateron, Patikas, Katholos) **CANBERRA ARROWS** 1 (Stone) at Pratten Park. Crowd 4206. Votes by Roger Sherack: 6 Katholos (SO), 5 Herbert (SO), 4 Raskopoulos (SO), 3 Bryant (C), 2 Hoszowski (C), 1 Patikas (SO).

Leaders: 46 Yankos (H), 45 O'Connor (W), 42 Greedy (St.G), Banfield (AC), 37 Bryant (C), 36 Hoszowski (C), Davidson (SM), 35 Ratcliffe (St.G), 34 Sermann (Mak), Burke (New), 33 Tokes (BC), 32 B Nyskohus (AC), 31 Bradly (APIA), 29 Odzakov (Mak), Belic (JUST), 28 Katholos (SO), G Campbell (Mak), 27 Jones (Mak), 26 Honeymann (WA), Lucchesi (Mak), Lowe (N).

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Testimonial

The Republic of Ireland F.A. are staging a testimonial match in August for Mick Martin who has chalked up 50 international appearances for his country and was recently freed by Newcastle United. Eire will play a World Select which will include Kevin Keegan, Arnold Muehner, Danny McGrain, Bryan Robson and Trevor Francis.

Chelsea

Chelsea, deep in the red, has spent around \$800,000 recently on Joe McLaughlin, the Morton and Scotland Under 21 defender, Pat Nevin (Clyde and Scotland Under 19 star), Eddie Niedzwiecki (Wrexham keeper) and Nigel Spackman (Bournemouth). And they got John Hollins the veteran Arsenal first-team man for nothing.



We can help you build it.

Olympic, J.U.S.T. set to triumph

With Marshall Soper firing again in attack and Peter Katholos scoring regularly, Sydney Olympic is set to climb further up the ladder by beating Sydney City Hakoah, while Footscray J.U.S.T. has improved so dramatically that it may avenge its 1-4 loss to Hellas early in the season. But Makedonia may have players out due to suspension against St George at Concor Reserve, after several yellow cards were shown during its 1-1 draw with Wollongong.

Certainly Wollongong's Roy Cotton will be suspended, and so he will miss the match against APIA at Lambert Park. Last time they met, Sydney Olympic thrashed Sydney City 5-1, with Soper one of the best on the ground. The score won't be as high this time, but still, I expect Olympic to win and continue a powerful surge which saw the Greek club jump from 10th to fifth position last week. A victory here could see Olympic move into third position.

That's because St George is likely to lose to Makedonia, as its forward line still is not functioning the way it should. Makedonia has match-winners galore — Odzakov, Lucchesi, Campbell, Ward, Ilioski — and is undefeated on its home ground this year.

J.U.S.T. has an embarrassment of riches. Apart from the players who defeated Sydney City last Sunday, coach Bobby McLachlan also has Ken Taylor, Ian Purdie, Paul Simic and Slobodan Stojevski to choose from.

And its midfielders — Gary McDowell, Vlatko Belic and Brian O'Donnell all have the physical power and skill to match the Hellas midfield combination.

Weekend NSL matches with likely winners in capitals:

SATURDAY

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED v Brisbane City at International Sports Centre, 2.30 pm. Record: Newc. 4 wins, 5 draws, 2 losses, 19 14 goals.

SUNDAY

West Adelaide Hellas v Heidelberg-Alexander (draw) at Hindmarsh, 2.30 pm. Record: Hellas 5 wins, 4 draws, 4 losses, 22 15 goals.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA v St. George Budapest at Concor Reserve, 3 pm. Record: St. Geo 2 wins, 1 draw, 0 loss, 4 1 goals.

APIA-LEICHHARDT v Wollongong at Lambert Par, 3 pm. Record: APIA 2 wins, 3 draws, 0 loss, 9 6 goals.

South Melbourne Hellas v FOOTSCRAY JUST at Middle Park, 3 pm. Record: SM 8 wins, 2 draws, 1 loss, 26 14 goals.

Sydney City Hakoah v SYDNEY OLYMPIC at Sydney Athletic Field, 3 pm. Record: Syd C. 7 wins, 2 draws, 2 losses, 25 17 goals.

CANBERRA ARROWS v Marconi-Fairfield at Bruce Stadium, 3 pm. Record: Can 4 wins, 5 draws, 3 losses, 14 12 goals.

Brisbane Lions v Adelaide City Juventus (draw) at Richlands, 3 pm. Record: Adel C. 5 wins, 3 draws, 5 losses, 19 18 goals.

NATIONAL LEAGUE STANDINGS

Last week's standings in brackets:

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| 2. | (3) Newcastle KB United | 4 | 3 | 1 | 11 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 14 | 9 | 25 | 13 | 27 |
| 3. | (4) St. George Budapest | 4 | 3 | 0 | 9 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 4 | 16 | 8 | 26 |
| 4. | (2) Sydney City Hakoah | 4 | 3 | 0 | 12 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 9 | 14 | 21 | 18 | 25 |
| 5. | (10) Sydney Olympic | 3 | 1 | 3 | 11 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 11 | 7 | 22 | 14 | 24 |
| 6. | (8) Brisbane City | 4 | 2 | 2 | 16 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 12 | 22 | 26 | 23 |
| 7. | (7) Marconi-Fairfield | 4 | 2 | 2 | 15 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 9 | 9 | 24 | 23 | 21 |
| 8. | (5) Canberra Arrows | 5 | 1 | 1 | 16 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 8 | 15 | 24 | 20 | 20 |
| 9. | (6) APIA-Leichhardt | 5 | 1 | 2 | 15 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 8 | 13 | 23 | 21 | 20 |
| 10. | (9) West Adelaide Hellas | 4 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 9 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 14 | 15 | 20 |
| 11. | (11) Heidelberg Alexander | 4 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 11 | 14 | 16 | 18 |
| 112. | (12) Adelaide City Juventus | 3 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 8 | 13 | 17 | 22 | 18 |
| 13. | (13) South Melbourne Hellas | 2 | 2 | 4 | 9 | 12 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 9 | 12 | 18 | 24 | 18 |
| 14. | (14) Brisbane Lions | 4 | 0 | 3 | 14 | 9 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 24 | 20 | 32 | 14 |
| 15. | (16) Footscray JUST | 2 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 14 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 14 | 10 | 28 | 13 |
| 16. | (15) Wollongong | 0 | 6 | 2 | 8 | 10 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 12 | 17 | 20 | 27 | 12 |

† Played one extra game.

By PETER SCOTT

St George 0 West Adel. 0

Crowd: 1910. Referee: Tim Davies 8. Cautions: McGregor (WA), M. O'Shea (SG).

ST GEORGE BUDAPEST: Greedy 8, Skeen 6, M. O'Shea 7, Ratcliffe 5, R. O'Shea 6, Barton 5 (Petkovski 73rd min), Stone 5, J. O'Shea 5, Slater 5, Wilkinson 4, Marton 6.

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS: Crook 6, Hiern 6, McGregor 7, Dunn 5, Amey 6, Atsalas 6, Brennan 5, Panagis 6, Heys 7, Wormley 6, Honeymann 6.

Two of the most economically-minded clubs in the National League met head-on in front of a rather sparse crowd on a sunny winter's day in Sydney.

St. George's drive to reduce its deficit this year is already well documented.

But West Adelaide Hellas' story is less well known — and it's completely out of character for a Greek sponsored club in Australia.

Manager-coach Alan Vest was eager to fill in the details after this dull and unproductive encounter.

"It isn't easy for us to produce results this year, with a budget which has been slashed by two-thirds since 1982," he said. "There aren't any more big transfers or huge signing-on fees. All our players get is appearance money — until they reach 29 points when bonuses start."

Well, there's still another nine points to go for the boys from down South.

Their fervent hope is to be six points closer to the target soon, following matches against Heidelberg-Alexander and Newcastle.

All in all, Vest was satisfied with the efforts of his bargain basement outfit against Budapest, and especially with the efforts of teenagers Alan Hiern and John Panagis.

What's more, he revealed that for the first time in memory, Hel-

Each point closer to a dollar

las' operations in 1983 will show a profit — even though crowds have fallen away.

If Vest was pleased, home team chief Frank Arok was in the grip of an uncharacteristic bout of depression after the final whistle.

"The match against Preston Makedonia is only of academic interest to us, after a performance like this," he said.

"About the only good thing was that we continued our long run of matches without conceding a goal, so in Melbourne on Sunday we'll have the best attack up against the best defence in the NSL."

NSL team of the week

In brackets: No. of appearances in team of the week:

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| GREEDY (4) (St. George) | RATCLIFFE (1) (St. George) | TANSEY (1) (Heidelberg) |
| CUROVIC (1) (JUST) | HERBERT (2) (Syd. Olympic) | |
| CRINO (2) (SM-Hellas) | MCDOWELL (1) (JUST) | PIMBLETT (1) (Brisb. City) |
| | KATHOLOS (3) (Syd. Olympic) | |
| O'CONNOR (5) (Wollongong) | FALCO (1) (Brisb. City) | |



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OLLERTON HITS OUT OVER ZIEMS PARK



Oscar Crino — best on the ground for Hellas.



Victorian Premier John Cain kicks off at the Olympic Village.

By PETER SHARP

Wollongong 1 Makedonia 1

Venue: Ziems Park, Corral.
Crowd: 3014.
Referee: Barry Wilkinson.
Scorers: Willis (W) penalty 44th, Odzakov (Mak) 60th.
WOLLONGONG: Vardareff 7, Willis 6, Pollard 7, Ainsworth 7, Muhlbauer 6, Baker 7, McBrean 6, Gaffney 8, Kerr 7, Cotton 7, O'Connor 8.
PRESTON-MAKEDONIA: Wilson 9, Opasins 6, Flavell 7, Iloaki 6, Jones 6, Ollerton 6, Campbell 6, Lucchesi 6, McMillan 8, Odzakov 7, Ward 7.

Makedonia player-coach Peter Ollerton didn't hide his disgust following his team's draw with Wollongong. The former Soccerro striker described Ziems Park surface as the worst he ever had played on and became involved in a heated argument with Wollongong chairman Laurie Kelly as he boarded the team bus for Sydney Airport and the safer fields of Melbourne. Actually, Wollongong, with youngsters Warren Baker and

Phil Muhlbauer replacing John Fleming and Youth Soccerro Ray Vlietstra, had much the better of the match and looked the more composed and dominant force. Coach Willie Wallace said he was satisfied with the draw but thought City deserved the victory because it created many more scoring opportunities than its more illustrious opposition.

Makedonia led the National League by six points before Sunday, but looked anything but competition successers as they battled on the tricky surface against the bustling Wolves.

Makedonia goalie Richard Wilson was best for the visitors and probably best on the field, denying City attackers with several critical saves in dangerous situations.

Wollongong applied all the pressure, running with the first-half breeze, but its goal didn't come till the 44th minute when Peter Willis converted from the penalty spot after O'Connor was felled trying to reach a Willis free kick.

There were plenty more second-half chances for Wollongong to increase its lead, but it was Makedonia that hit back through Zarko Odzakov 15 minutes after the restart from a seemingly safe situation inside the city half.

Odzakov latched on to a mis-cued kick by City defender Phil Kerr and beat goalie Natch Vardareff's diving attempt with a bouncing shot inside the left post.

The match ended with both sides hitting long balls and trying to create the chance for the tie-breaking goal, but referee Barry Wilkinson's whistle foiled their efforts.

There was a nasty incident at the end of the match when an irate spectator ran from the far side of the park and cuffed Wilkinson across the side of the head as he walked from the field.

Wilkinson issued four yellow cards during the match, one of which will produce an automatic one-match suspension for striker Roy Cotton while youngster Phil Baker's caution could put him over the limit also.

It marked the start of Heidelberg's comeback, and a goal resulted only three minutes later. Petersen went down the flank and his cross to the near post was deflected into goal by Steve Blair, under pressure from Lea.

Oliver saved a powerful low shot from Brown at the other end before Egan shot Hellas into a 3-1 lead and effectively ended Heidelberg's hopes of drawing level.

Nevertheless, Heidelberg struck again, this time with a free kick by Tansley, which was deflected by Karl Holford on its way into the net.

It was a thoroughly entertaining game, with lots of action near goal and although Hellas held the upper hand, the match levelled out considerably when Heidelberg came out of its shell after half time.

Tom Razmovski (right) is congratulated by Hellas star Alan Davidson upon having won a caption contest in "Soccer Action." He correctly identified Davidson and England's Nick Pickering in a photo published in "Soccer Action," and also submitted the best caption. His prize was an autographed Mitro Ball.

gent at the ground. He sauntered through some weak defence to reach Wollongong's line some ten metres from the near post before cutting his cross into the crowded goalmouth. Patalis was on the spot to pick up a poor clearance and Vardareff who appeared unighted.

Only a youngster himself, Katoshos has shown tremendous character during the past few matches and definite leadership qualities. At times when Patalis and Patalis intended to go "for broke" and rush into the Wolves defence, Katoshos was there to calm them down and switch play, pulling the defence wide to the other side and thinning their numbers in the middle of the penalty area.

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THE ANDREW DETTRE COLUMN



THE MINDLESS MAJORITY

"How pleased you must be," said my waitress at the espresso, "with all that publicity soccer is getting."

"Where?" I asked, slightly taken aback.

"Oh, everywhere," she purred. "All you can see on TV and read in the papers is soccer."

"Can you be a bit more specific?" I begged her, fearing for a moment that I was suffering from total amnesia and blindness.

"Well, he's been on the Mike Walsh Show, the Done Lane Show, some radio talk-backs, on . . ."

"Who?" I asked nervously. "Who has?"

"George Best, of course."

I took a gulp of my coffee.

"Look," I said, trying to remain calm, "you've got it all wrong. All that publicity is for George Best, not for soccer and certainly not Australian soccer."

"But isn't he a great player?"

"He was a great player. That he was. Some 10 or 15 years ago."

She was unconvinced.

"But still, he's on TV all the time and this proves it."

"Proves what?"

"That he's still a star."

"A star, yes, but not in soccer. They don't even ask him about his soccer but about his alcoholic problem, his love affairs. They want to hear about his scandals, not about his half volleys."

She gave me an incredulous look and slowly wiped up morsels of my departed croissant.

"But what about the publicity, the millions of viewers on TV?"

"Poor child: he seemed to be a product of her age. To her, as to many others, TV sanctifies and verifies a 'personality,' giving a blank visual imprimatur to someone's existence."

With my inordinate patience I tried to explain to her that those "millions of viewers" were largely mindless midday morons carted by buses from rat homes to provide a studio audience.

"They are not interested in soccer at all," I said. "They'd also watch an interview with a reformed mass murderer, a contortionist turtle or a maniac whose hobby is to tie stray cats to railway sleepers. The same with the TV audiences at home."

"You don't like Best," she concluded sadly.

"Look, I don't even know him."

"You're jealous of his sexual experiences, aren't you?"

"A bit."

"Aha," she said, "so that's it."

"No, that's not it," I shot back. "That's not it at all. All I am trying to say is that the George Best publicity has nothing to do with soccer. It will not produce one extra spectator, not one new club member, not one new aficionado for the game. Not one."

"What about me?"

"Yes, what about you?" I went on the offensive. "Have you been converted to soccer at last?"

"I think so."

"Will you be going to watch him play?"

"It depends. I'll try."

"Which match?"

She winced.

"Match? I'm not talking about a match. I'd like to meet him because he's so nice and has those lovely blue eyes. You wouldn't know in which hotel he's staying?"

I think I have to find myself a new espresso.

Crino back in form, Brown in new role

Heidelberg 2 SM-Hellas 3

Scorers: 0-1 Yankos (H) own goal, 18th; 0-2 Murphy (SM) 20th; 1-2 Blair (SM) 53rd; 1-3 Egan (SM) 70th; 2-3 Tansley (H) 77th.
Venue: Olympic Village.
Crowd: about 6500.
Referee: Zoumas 8.
Cautions: Spanos (H), Brown (SM).
HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER: Oliver 5 — McKie 8, Yankos 8, Macleod 7, Tansley 9 — Solemidis 7, Toro 5 (Valentine 80th), Petersen 7.

Spanos 6 — Lea 7, Campbell 6.
SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Laumets 6 — Russell 8, Xanthopoulos 7, Blair 8, Yzendoorn 8 — Davidson 8, Crino 9, Holford 8, Murphy 8 — Brown 8, Egan 8.

Oscar Crino had one of those days again. He was completely irresistible, combining physical power with his brilliant ball skill, dominating the central midfield totally. Heidelberg simply had no-one capable of countering him.

And it was this midfield dominance, in which Alan Davidson, Karl Holford and Ken Murphy also played their parts, that enabled Hellas to build up a two-goal lead before half time.

Granted, they weren't classic goals by any means, but Hellas did apply the constant pressure that contributed to the shakiness in the Heidelberg defence.

First, Charlie Yankos deflected a cross from Doug Brown into his own net, and then goalkeeper Jeff Oliver failed to hold the ball low, enabling Ken Murphy to score No. 2.

If Crino was back at his best so too was Brown, operating as the striking partner for Charlie Egan, rather than in his usual flank position. It suits Brown much better, because he's a goal-chaser if ever there was one.

It certainly was a triumphant return to the Olympic Village for Len McKendry and John Yzendoorn, who were discarded by Heidelberg after last season.

Oh how I wish that the Heidelberg fans would get their insane conspiracy theory out of their heads. How depressing it was after the game to be told so often that some Hel-



Laurie Schwab

delberg players refuse to beat a team coached by McKendry. And it was thoroughly disgraceful the way some of the fans abused goalkeeper Jeff Oliver, going to the ridiculous extremes of claiming that Oliver had "thrown" the game to help McKendry.

What utter rubbish! OK, Oliver had a bad day, but so too did a lot of other Heidelberg players — particularly in the first half. But players need their spirits lifted, not ground into the mud. Players do not go onto the pitch to play badly, as some supporters seem to believe.

What is evident about Heidelberg is that it lacks a forceful midfield leader and a strong central striker.

The latter problem is likely to be solved this week, as Gary Cole should be back in the attack against West Adelaide in Adelaide. He will draw some of the markers away from little Derek Lea.

Most of the Heidelberg players appeared nervous in the first half — concerned more with trying to counter the Hellas players rather than having to go themselves.

To their credit that changed after half time, when Heidelberg started to make a game of it.

But full marks to Hellas. It had power all over the field. Alan Davidson had been perceived by Heidelberg to be the No. 1 danger man, so John Spanos was assigned to mark him. Even then Davidson

turned on the 16 metre line and guide his shot wide of Vardareff.

O'Connor, certainly one of the best strikers in Australia, did his own version of a pirouette as he beat three defenders before posting his cross for Roy Cotton to score in the 27th minute. Then came an avalanche of attacks by Olympic.

Petersen came close to scoring with two good headers, then shot over the bar from some good lead-up work by Jennings, whilst Marshall Soper hit the post from close range.

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Wollongong 1 Syd Olympic 2

Goals: 15 Petersen, 66 Patalis (SO), 27 Cotton (W).
Ground: St George Stadium.
Crowd: 3028.
Referee: Tim Davies 8.
Yellow cards: Kerr, Fleming (W).
WOLLONGONG: Vardareff 8, Willis 6, Muhlbauer 6 (Brown 78), Vlietstra 7, Kerr 6, Ainsworth 7, Gaffney 6, McBrean 6, Fleming 7, Cotton 8, O'Connor 9.
SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier 7, Rogers 7, Jennings 7, Herbert 7, Coody 6, Raskopoulos 7 (Patalis 64 — 8), Phillips 7, Patalis 8, Soper 8, Petersen 8, Katoshos 9.

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By ALEX VESIC

O'Connor taunts, Patalis wins it

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Henderson sent off, Djordjevic better than Best



Angelo Falco — two goals against APIA. Picture by CARLOS PICASSO.

Marconi 1 Brisb. Lions 1

Scorers: Bozanic Pen. (M), Niven pen. (BL).
MARCONI: James 7, Djordjevic 8, Bozanic 7, McCulloch 6, Henderson 6, Calderon 5, Carbone 5, Sermann 6, Brown 5, Jankovics 6, Licata 5.
LIONS: Lownds 7, R. Stewart 7, McClurg 7, Hunter 7, Niven 7, Hogg 6, Best 5, Wright 6, Daunt 5 (Kiso 49) - 6, Vincent 5, J. Stewart 5.
Tony Henderson stole the show. It was supposed to be the day of George Best, making his sole Sydney appearance but with Best performing about seven levels below his average, the others took notice

and proceeded to dish out just as much rubbish to the disgust of some 3,000 spectators.

To add to the fans' woes, Marconi lost the two points through an unfortunate incident involving Henderson. With the ball some 30 metres away, Henderson was involved in an incident with Russell Stewart which left Stewart sprawling on the ground for the "count".

Tony Boskovic was in no doubt that Henderson was the offender and quickly pointed to the spot as well as sending Tony Henderson, alias "Captain Soccerero", off the ground. Alan Niven blasted his shot past Bruce James to make it 1-1 and soon after the game was over.

"What on earth happened?" cried Marconi's bewildered



Alex Vesic

spectators who failed to see the scene inside the area. Well, whatever the reason, Henderson failed to observe the laws of the game and cost his side two points.

And while on the subject of the two points, I might have been a little too harsh on poor old Henderson, for he had a fairly sound game apart from that last minute indiscretion. He covered well in defence and generally did not allow much past him. As for his team

mates, with some exceptions I could not say the same.

Jovan Djordjevic was given the task of marking George Best and he did it with ease. In fact what we saw on the park wearing number 15 was not even the shadow of Best. He was slow to move forward and seldom moved back, while his passes were the only bright patch in one of the most disappointing performances by a guest player from overseas.

In fact someone suggested (I think Tony Palumbo), that Djordjevic, and not Best, will be appearing next season as the guest player, making three appearances for Marconi, or even Lions. Djordjevic was at his menacing best, leaving Best in his wake to make some strong forward runs, providing his forwards with some delightful passes.

With only 17 minutes re-

maining in the game, Marconi was awarded a penalty after Jankovics was fouled inside the area by Steven Hogg. Vic Bozanic made sure of the conversion with a deft right-footed shot. Only a few minutes later Marconi were up in arms over what looked like another penalty when Licata was fouled from behind by Niven with only Lownds to beat.

However, Boskovic was in no mood to listen to the protests and waved play to continue.

Marconi might have had the chances but Lions had its own share of bad luck also. George Best had an opportunity after some 72 minutes when Barry Kelso provided the ex-Manchester United star with a fine opportunity on the edge of the box. Best took a few steps, aimed, then fired well past the post.

Foots JUST 2 Sydney City 1

Scorers: 1-0 Paton 21m, Boden 79m, 2-1 Paton 88m.
Ground: Schintler Reserve.
Attendance: 1500.
Referee: E. Venios 7
Cautions: Souness, Robertson, Watson.
FOOTSCRAY JUST: Boland 7, Curovic 8, Kyriakoulas 8, Tutill 7, Hazabent 7, McDowell 9, O'Donnell 7, Belic 6, Carroll 6, Paton 7, Lujic 6.
SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH: Clarke 7, Souness 7, O'Connor 8, Robertson 8, Cant 7, De Marigny 6 (Murray 59m), Kay 6, Boden 7, Kosmina 6, Mitchell 7, Watson 8.

If Sydney City does not retain its title the single reason behind its fall will no doubt be traced to its trips to Melbourne where it has yet to collect a point from three visits.

On Sunday it came to within two minutes of escaping with a draw but a last-gasp run by Joe Carroll — one of the few things that went right for him on the day — set up the winner for Jamie Paton to get J.U.S.T. officials again talking of a revival.

Carroll's run took him past two Sydney City players and he then cut inside from the byline before squaring the ball for Paton to slot the ball home for his second goal of the game.

But Sydney City coach Eddie Thomson laid more of

the blame for the loss on his out-of-form forwards rather than his backline which is still among the most reliable in the league.

"We had enough chances in the second half to have had the game well and truly wrapped up before Footscray scored with their first real attack of the second half," he said.

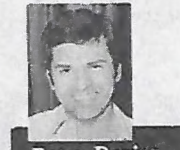
Indeed the Sydneysiders had the clearer chances but by no means a one-sided affair despite the fact that JUST was playing into what amounted to a gale-force wind.

And as Bobby McLachlan pointed out, you have to give credit to JUST which hung in there for long periods and then refused to give up even when Sydney City was handed an unusual goal in the 78th minute.

It came from an unexpected bounce off the chest of Dennis Boland as he blocked a long-range effort. The loose ball fell nicely into the path of Ken Boden whose shot beat the strided keeper, then bounced off the post and took what must have seemed an eternity to trickle over the line.

"The old Footscray side would have thrown in the towel after that but this side showed guts and determination to come back and snatch that winner," McLachlan said.

"The players and myself have known for some weeks that things are not as bad as they look and I feel confident we can carry on improving in the second half of the season."



Peter Desira

J.U.S.T. had opened the score in the 21st minute from a goal engineered by man-of-the-match Gary McDowell.

The Scot is reputedly at his best playing centre-half but he didn't half give a performance in midfield on Sunday and on this showing is bound to be the

best acquisition JUST had made this season.

He tackles strongly, has the eye for the quick break, doesn't lack speed and instilled some composure into the side as the pressure began to build.

For the goal that broke the deadlock, he swooped in on a Sydney City mistake and made a run down the right before passing to Paton who sliced his shot home from the right side of the box.

Sydney City increased the pressure from then on and their chances included a Ken Boden shot which was cleared off the line by Graham Tutill in the 44th minute and a second clearance off the line, this

time a header by Kyri Kyriakoulas to stop a free kick by David Mitchell.

And referee Evan Venios also came to JUST's aid, changing his mind after initially giving a penalty for Jean Paul De Marigny, to award an offside decision after his attention was drawn to linesman Jim Brennan's flag.

But the counter that JUST looked set to score on the break was Zdravko Luic, with two team-mates flanking him, set sail on a long through pass with only one defender between him and the goal, only to be brought down by a blatant professional foul by Alec Robertson.

Fabrizio signs but Falco out

Brisb. City 3 APIA 2

Scorers: Falco 58th and 63rd, Hughes 63rd (BC), Gray 53rd, Jones 52nd (APIA).
Venue: Spencer Park.
Cautions: BC: Falco, AP, Bertogna 11th, Carter 77th, Woodhouse and Butler 90th.
Referee: Allan Kibbler 8.
BRISB. CITY: Wishart 8, Perry 7, Liddell 8, Kowtan 7, Wilkinson 7, Hamilton 7, Pimblett 9, Fabrizio 6 (Hughes 50th), Bromfield 7, Glockner 7, Falco 9.

APIA LEICHHARDT: Woodhouse 6, Carter 7, Brown 7, Bertogna 6, Mariani 7, Butler 7, Bradley 8, Gray 8, Jones 7, Tredinnick 7, Moss 6.

Brisbane City's two-goal hero Angelo Falco was among five players cautioned — which is likely to put him out of City's vital game against Newcastle this weekend.

Bertogna, Carter and Falco were yellow-carded after wild tackles while Butler and Woodhouse received their cautions in a double booking arising out of comments made to linesman Bobby Nelson after a free kick was awarded for a foul on Gary Bromfield just outside the penalty box.

APIA took the lead eight minutes into the second half when the City defence was caught flat-footed and appealing for offside as Ian Gray ran onto a high lob from Peter Tredinnick.

Sweeper John Kowtan had kept Gray outside and the APIA striker rounded the youngster and blasted the ball into the net.

That lead should have come in the 41st minute of the first half when APIA were awarded a penalty following a handball from fullback Billy Wilkinson. Former Marconi player Bertie Mariani was elected to take the kick but Wishart produced some of the class that earned him a place in the recent Soccer squad when he dived to his left to palm away the sweeper's poorly placed shot.

Shortly after City swung into top gear and slammed in three goals in 11 minutes.

A good run by Gary Bromfield, during which he lost the ball to Bertogna but regained it, led to City's first. Bromfield laid the ball off to Glockner who played a fine pass to Hamilton at the near post. Hamilton played an overhead kick to the far side of the goal where the young Falco leapt above the defence to nod in.

Former APIA player Allan Hughes got City's second when he controlled a misused Billy Wilkinson shot, turned Bertogna and put it into the net with the outside of his foot.

Hughes had been originally on the sideline, itching to get a chance against his former club, and finally came on five minutes into the second half to replace City's new signing Luciano Fabrizio.

City signs the former young Soccerero squad member from the Institute of Sport and played him in its reserve team last Friday night.

City's third goal again resulted after a combination in-

Ricky Rosso

volving Glockner and Falco — a duo Hermonist predicted afterwards as having the potential to become one of Australia's most deadly attacking pairs.

Glockner received a good ball from Bromfield and wore a kick in the face before pushing the ball through to the speedy Falco who raced away from the defence and blasted his shot into the net past an advancing Woodhouse.

Although Jones pulled one back for APIA late in the game, City never looked like losing once they hit the front and that was largely due to the influence of captain Frank Pimblett in the middle of the park.

LOWE SET FOR 'ROOS

Adel. City 0 Newcastle 1

Scorer: Mountford 72nd (Newcastle).
Ground: Olympic Sports Field.
Crowd: 950.
Referee: Jim Rossie.
ADELAIDE CITY: McNally 7 - Dods 6, Benfield 8, Flounders 7, Nyshokus 8 - Malta 6, Blair 6, Carter 6, Maxwell 6, Mullan 6, Rankin 7.

NEWCASTLE: Gosling 8 - Tredinnick 7, Watson 7, Burke 7, Malar 7 - Mason 7, Jones 7, Cowburn 7 - Mountford 8, Lowe 8, Lee (Sankalski 6, 7th).

The destiny of this match was decided in two incidents midway through the second half.

In the first incident, Adelaide City goalkeeper Willie



Meno Toutsidis

McNally dragged down David Lowe a metre outside the penalty area after the brilliant young striker had rounded him and was set to score.

What was a send-off offence one hundred times over was simply a caution.

The Newcastle bench was boiling, but its anger turned into joy because from David Jones' resultant free kick Bob Mountford picked up a rebound and crashed it into the roof of the net.

Katholos, Soper wreck Canberra

Olympic 3 Canberra 1

Scorers: 3-0: Paterson, Petikas, Katholos; Can: Stone. **Venue:** Pratten Park. **Crowd:** 4206.

Referee: Ken Small 7. **Canberra:** Soper (SO). **SYDNEY OLYMPIC:** Moier 8 - Rogers 7, Herbert 8, Coody 7 (Patalis 60th), Jennings 7, Raskopoulos 8, Katholos 9, Petikas 8, Phillips 6 - Soper 8, Paterson 8.

CANBERRA ARROWS: Hoszowski 8 - Young 7, T. Byrne 8, Murray 7, Walsh 7 - Cole 7, Christopoulos 8, (MacLaren 70th), Stone 8, Bryant 8 - Redmond 8, Brennan 7.

Both teams played excellent, constructive football during the first half but the Olympic midfield, particu-

larly Peter Katholos, was more positive and ultimately provided the springboard for victory.

Neither team was prepared to adopt negative tactics and constant attacking, flowing football produced goal-mouth excitement and scoring opportunities for the full 90 minutes.

Steve Paterson was constantly winning the ball in the air for Olympic and his clever flicks provided Olympic with a constant supply of the ball.

Following a sweeping movement down the right side in-

The match itself was a tepid affair. Though Newcastle deserved the points, it was barely a cut above a very ordinary side which never really looked capable of winning.

Adelaide City, which until a few weeks ago had looked a real threat to the top sides, have deteriorated into a mediocre test.

One of the few players who should be exonerated is the skilful Lowe whose pace and powerful running sparked panic in City's defence.

Hopefully, Lowe will be one of the first players Les Scheinflug selects in his national squad for the international series in November.

The referee will no doubt please coach Ken Kaiser who had to make an early change when Grant Lee pulled a muscle and was replaced in the 17th minute by the out-of-touch Joe Sankalski.

Three minutes into the second half Olympic defender Mike Coody was taken off with a bad eye injury and Olympic lost its rhythm.

It was a bad back pass from Gary Phillips which ultimately led to Ian Stone equalising for Canberra in the 59th minute.

Olympic striker Soper atoned for his previous errors by setting up the two goals to give Olympic victory.

After a long run down the right side by substitute Terry Patalis in the 68th minute Soper fed the ball perfectly to Patalis who scored to put Olympic in front.

Thirty seconds later a pinpoint Soper cross found Katho-

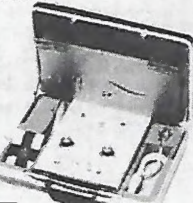
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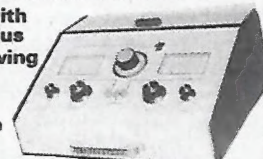
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North Dandenong



North Dandenong's first team, back row: Gerald Gilligan (vice president), John Byrne, Ian Mackie, Tom Coates, David Beamish, Arthur McMillan, David Wainwright, Neil Collyer, Bob Guthrie (president). Front row: David Mackie, Wally Oscilowski, Paul Magnano, Rob Nelson, David Nelson, Alister Taylor, David Morgan. Mascot: Paul Byrne.

Norths' remaining home games.
V Preston Makedonia, Saturday, July 16.
V Nunawading City, Saturday, August 6.
V Thomastown, Saturday, August 20.
V Ringwood United, Saturday, September 3.

Club formed in breakaway

Norths came into being in 1972, in the now defunct District League. The club was formed as a breakaway from neighboring Dandenong City and primarily was a Dutch sponsored club.

Norths won their way into Provisional League Second Division for the 1976 season. The club's greatest achievement to date was winning the First Division championship of the Provisional League in 1977, however, promotion to Metro ranks hadn't been opened up at that stage.

But Norths achieved Metro status at the end of the 1979 season. They seemed almost certain to clinch the league title when they travelled to Nunawading City's ground for the last match of the season needing just a draw. Nunawading City won the match 2-1 to take the championship but Norths also won their way into Metro Fourth Division by finishing runners-up. Strangely, when the two teams had clashed earlier in the season, Norths thumped Nunawading City 7-1.

Norths spend the 1980 and 1981 seasons in Fourth Division but were pushed up into Third Division at the end of 1981 during the revamping of the Victorian leagues. The club finished third in Third Division last year and again found itself pushed up a league, to Division Two, by yet another league restructuring at the end of the season.

And when it comes to coaching, one name stands out — that of Alec McKay, who coached the first team for seven years. Ian Livingston and Alan Jackson also have been at the coaching helm.

Norths' turnover last year was about \$60,000 and should jump to close to \$80,000 this year. The clubrooms at Norths' home ground, Lois Twohig Reserve, could be extended in a \$30,000 project which the club hopes will be completed in time for the kick-off to the 1984 season.

The club's average home gate is about 400 and it boasts almost 200 members. The Dutch community, which formed the club, are starting to become more involved once more, a phenomenon which only can add the Norths' increasing support in the local area.

Heading for the top

North Dandenong, in its 12th year, is well on the way to realising the ambition of club president Bob Guthrie, to "become the first club under the Dandenong council to play in State League."

Guthrie, 33, is in his second year as president and will stand for re-election at the end-of-season annual general meeting.

Gerald Gilligan, 32, is vice-president. He's a former star player with Norths, joining the club back in 1974.

Terry Parkin is secretary and Tom Roberts, a draughtsman, is treasurer. Other committee members are: Sandra Burk, the junior representative, Sue O'Brien, Paul Lonnegan, David Wainwright, Alister Taylor, John Herriot and Tony Wright.

Wainwright and Taylor both are in the first team squad and Guthrie defended their presence on the committee.

"Other clubs say that you shouldn't have players on the committee. I disagree. Having Dave and Alister on the committee allows player representatives to see how the club is run. It all makes for better understanding of our financial situation and better communication between the committee and players," said Guthrie.

North's remaining away games:
V Springvale City, Saturday, July 23.
V Waverley City, Saturday, July 30.
V St Albans, Saturday, August 13.
V Heidelberg Alexander, Saturday, August 27.
V Dandenong City, Saturday, September 10.



Arthur McMillan — former captain of Heidelberg

Second to Egan

Rob Nelson, 29, is North Dandenong's player-coach, a position he was appointed to this season.

He's a former Under-21 Player of the Year in Renfrewshire, Scotland and played with Renfrew and Benburg Juniors. Derek Lea of Heidelberg Alexander, Ian Stinton and Graham Watson of Doveton and Norrie Pate of Sunshine-George Cross all are former Renfrew players.

Nelson came to Australia in 1977 and joined Sunshine City. He played with the Shiners until this season, when he transferred to Norths for \$5,000. Dave Nelson also switched from Sunshine to Norths this year for \$2,000.

Rob Nelson went within an ace of winning the 1981 Rothmans Medal as the best and fairest player in Victoria but had to settle for runner-up to Charlie Egan, then of Frankston City and now one of the stars of the NSL with South Melbourne Hellas.

Nelson saw his switch to player-coach of North Dandenong as a tremendous challenge, one which he has attacked vigorously and with Norths perched proudly on top of Second Division, Nelson is set to start his coaching career on a highly successful note.

"We'll win the league by at least four points and I fancy that St Albans will go up with us into First Division. I've got a lot of respect for Billy Vojtek's influence at St Albans."

So says North Dandenong player-coach Rob Nelson. Take a look at the Victorian Metro Second Division league standings and you'll see that the confident Scot isn't making any idle boast.

"I know that at 29, I've gone into coaching at an unusually early age but I wanted to learn the trade and I wanted to go to an ambitious club. Norths offered me a great opportunity which I took up. I've now reached the conclusion that coaching offers me great challenges and I want to take Norths into State League," said Nelson.

"I'm not going to be silly though and hang on as a player as long as I can. Don't get me wrong. There're a few years left in me yet."

North Dandenong plays a tough, physical brand of soccer, spiced with the skills of players such as Dave and Rob Nelson and Arthur McMillan. It's a blend which has given the club every reason to be confident of winning the championship.

"Getting the right blend of players is important. I've got runners, ball winners and skilful players who are doing a great job for us. We play a 4-3-3 formation away from home and a 4-2-4 formation at home on our tight ground, and it's working well. Our style is basically a Scottish junior brand of football with bags of aggression."

Newcomers to the club this year, apart from the Nelson brothers and McMillan, signed from Heidelberg Alexander, include Tom Coates and promising youngster Marko Roggero. Striker Bob Wright left to join Springvale City and Steve Gummer joined Hamlyn Rangers. Midfielder Willie Kerr bowed out of the seniors after a long period of distinguished service.

Let's see how Rob Nelson sees the other 15 players who make up his first team squad.

DAVID MACKIE: "Still young, especially for a goalkeeper. A former rugby player who has done well enough to displace David Beamish from the first team spot at present. Very brave. I'd like to see him improve his handling in the air but that's just his lack of experience and will come."

DAVID BEAMISH: "Exceptionally fine reflexes. In fact, as good as I've ever seen. Can be prone to sometimes losing his concentration, and that's something we've got to work on. He's the brother of Ken Beamish, the former Blackburn player who now manages Swindon Town."

ALISTAIR TAYLOR: "Been with the club for five years. Joined from Box Hill, where his cousin, Ray Taylor, is a club stalwart. Alistair is a very strong tackler and strikes the ball well. He had a tendency to commit himself too easily but we've worked on that and Arthur McMillan has sort of taken Alistair under his wing which is a great help."

ARTHUR MCMILLAN: "I've got no reservations by making my opinion of Arthur public. I'll say here and now that he's the best defender in Australia, bar none. His anticipation and distribution are first class. Heidelberg made an enormous mistake when it let him go. He'd be a class player in any division."

TOM COATES: "He's 32 and uses his experience to good ad-



Player-coach Rob Nelson

vantage. A very steady defender. He should be, because he played for New Zealand in the early 1970's. He's good in the air and he times his tackles well. Very solid."

DAVID WAINWRIGHT: "Our best player this year so far, because of his outstanding consistency I think that as a man marker, he could play in any league. Very strong and fast and a nightmare to play against, even at training. Dave has played with Norths since District League days, so he's given some service to the club."

PETER POPADOPOLLOUS: "Tore ankle ligaments at the start of the season and has been sidelined since. A good defender whose main asset is his overlapping ability."

JOHN BYRNE: "Mr Perpetual Motion. Nobody likes playing against him at training, that's why I usually put him and Wainwright up against each other and it's last man standing stuff. A top clubman and former best and fairest winner. A very aggressive player. A good ball winner in the middle of the park."

WALLY OSCILOWSKI: "Our utility player. I've used Wally in all four defensive positions this season and now he's settling into the midfield. Fast and really fit. A fine athlete."

NEIL COLLYER: "An experienced forward or midfielder. A very intelligent player with a lot of skill. He's now blending this with a more physical approach and in my opinion, he's a better player for it."

ALEX FOX: "The goal king of North Dandy. He's been top scorer for the past six or seven years but unfortunately he's struggled with injury this season, although he scored a hat-trick against Footscray J.U.S.T. A very valuable member of the squad."

DAVE NELSON: "Ex-Scottish junior player, signed this year, along with me, from Sunshine. At just \$2000 we got him at a bargain basement price. Fine close ball skills and turns players well. A really good finisher too."

IAN MACKIE: "A product of our juniors. I think he's a superb target man. That's his ideal position but I've used him in midfield too. I'd like to see Ian being a bit more direct in front of goal rather than laying on chances for others but he's got the potential to develop into a top class forward. He's a player who'll be a big asset to us in First Division next season."

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The life, times, rise and fall of George Best



By PAUL MOON

1946: Born on May 22 in Belfast.
1961: Considered too frail for senior football by his local club, Glentoran. Manchester United however has no such qualms and he is sent to Old Trafford for trials.
After only two days in England, Best runs home but is persuaded to return.
1962: Signs as junior with United and immediately makes his presence felt for the youth and reserves teams.

1963: Becomes a full-time professional in May; just days before United plays in the FA Cup final. He makes his senior debut in September.

1964: United finishes second in the league and is FA Cup semi-finalist.

Best gains his first international cap in April, contributing much to a thrilling 3-2 victory over Wales in Swansea. Four matches and six months later, he scores his first goal for Northern Ireland — against Switzerland in Lausanne.

The young Irishman is quickly establishing himself as a teenage cult figure — handsome, articulate and immensely talented.

1965: United wins the league championship and Best is just as responsible for the triumph as fellow superstars Denis Law and Bobby Charlton.

The marketing industry quickly realises the possibilities presented by the good-looking Belfast boy and George Best posters, records, soccer annuals, football kit, badges etc. are made available to his adoring multitude of fans.

1966: Best makes an impact in Europe for the first time. An exhibition of supreme brilliance sparks a 5-1 demolition of Benfica in Lisbon during a Champions' Cup quarter final encounter and confirms him as a player of genuine world class. He is dubbed "El Beale" by admiring Portuguese fans.

His talents are a passport to pleasures outside the game. Best becomes the toast of Manchester's nightclubs and discovers that "groupies" do not confine their attention to pop musicians.

1967: He is an ever-present as United regains its English League crown. The "Red Devils" tour Australasia and his fame is extended even further.

Manager Sir Matt Busby becomes concerned that Best's off-field activities are affecting his game. As a result Best moves out of his bachelor flat and becomes a boarder with Mrs Fallows, who has provided accommodation for many young United players.

1968: Best's greatest year. United beats Benfica 4-1 in the Champions' Cup final and his magnificent opportunistic goal in the first minute of extra time is the game's turning point.

The English First Division's equal highest goalscorer, with 28, he is also irresistible on the international front, almost single-handedly destroying Scotland in a masterly display.

Best is named "Footballer of the Year" for both England and Europe.

It is becoming increasingly obvious to opposing defenders that the only way to stop Best is by unfair means. He becomes the number one target of the game's hater men and displays his resentment with retaliation and verbal abuse of referees.

Best is sent off for the first time in his career during the World Cup clash with Estudiantes de la Plata.

George Best posters outsell all Beatles memorabilia. No teenage girl's bedroom, it is said, is complete without one.

1969: With Law and Charlton now past their peaks, Best finds more and more weight placed upon his shoulders to keep United on top. The task is beyond any single individual.

United reaches the Champions' Cup semi-finals, but its overall form is disappointing.

The mercurial Irishman remains as the greatest talent in British soccer, even though his lifestyle and temperament claim as many column centimetres as his feats on the pitch.

1970: Best celebrates his return after a month's suspension with six goals in United's 8-2 hammering of Northampton Town in a FA Cup tie. He becomes only the second Irishman to be sent off in an international, when dismissed against Scotland.

Best scores his 100th league goal for

United, with whom he signs an eight-year contract.

It is becoming harder for the wayward genius to become motivated, particularly when facing the prospect of an arduous training session during cold, wet and miserable Manchester winter mornings.

1971: Sir Matt Busby, Best's one restraining figure, retires as United manager. Best is fined a record \$500 by the FA disciplinary committee; which he keeps waiting for 90 minutes. United suspends him for two weeks.

A succession of near-miraculous performances enables Best enables the club to go eight points clear at the head of the First Division in November.

He withdraws from the Ireland team due to play Spain, following a death threat.

After moving into a luxury house on the outskirts of Manchester, Best discovers fans camping round the clock in order to catch a glimpse of him.

1972: United squanders its lead in Division One, as Best's form evaporates.

He misses more training sessions and admits to drinking, lack of privacy and girls. His new manager, Frank O'Farrell, a devout Catholic, suggests the solution lies in religion — this, like most well-intentioned advice, is rejected.

Best disappears for a week and, upon his return, is dropped by United and placed on the transfer list. Feyenoord, Chelsea, Manchester City, Bournemouth and Derby County express interest, only for him to announce his retirement — at 25 years of age.

1973: He is out of the game for nine months, in which time Cosmos, Crystal Palace and Queen's Park Rangers attempt to secure him. It is with United though that Best makes his comeback, in a friendly against Shamrock Rovers in Dublin, during which he plays brilliantly before the match is abandoned in the 81st minute when youngsters swarm on to the pitch to mob their hero.

1974: After only a dozen league games for relegation-doomed United, Best yet again fails to turn up for training and is placed on the transfer list in January by manager Tommy Docherty. He responds by retiring for a second time.

Manchester United retains his registration however and he appears, on loan, against its reserve side for Dunstable Town and is mobbed when the Southern Leagueurs win 3-2.

1975: United releases Best in December. Now a free agent, he makes three appearances for Fourth Division Stockport County and draws attendances three times the average.



George Best

1976: Best also attracts large crowds during three games with Eire's Cork Celtic, but produces lethargic displays and Celtic officials decide he is not offering value for money.

The next move is to the United States and Los Angeles Aztecs. Here, life seems rosy again. Not only does the Southern California lifestyle appeal but as an unknown in this new environment, the pressures of being a public figure disappear. Once again, Best enjoys his football.

Latest girlfriend, English model Angela MacDonald — James, appears to be a steady factor in the frustrated idol's life. He decided to try again in English football in an attempt to fulfill the one ambition which has eluded him — to appear in the World Cup finals.

Despite opposition from the Football League, Best signs for Fulham and scores after just 71 seconds of his return — against Bristol Rovers, in a match watched by more than double Fulham's usual gate.

The skill, vision and opportunism remain. Only the pace of his prime seasons is missing. Best is included in the Irish team which, remarkably, draws 2-2 in a World Cup qualifying game in Rotterdam and leads the much-vaunted Dutch defence a merry dance.

The latest comeback begins to turn sour as he is sent off at Southampton. His form gradually deteriorates as Fulham's fortunes slump.

1977: Best soldiers on with Fulham — still the one player in an otherwise mediocre line-up capable of producing something out of the ordinary, until November. By the time the novelty of his presence has worn off and the crowds no longer flock to Craven Cottage.

A 0-1 defeat by Holland in Belfast, not only marks the end of Northern Ireland's World Cup aspirations, but also her great-

est ever player's 37th and last international appearance.

As Best is flying across the Atlantic towards Los Angeles, it is announced that an Irish trust bank, in which he is a major shareholder, has collapsed.

1978: Displaying little enthusiasm for soccer with the Aztecs, Best moves to Fort Lauderdale Strikers where he teams up with fellow international celebrities Gerd Mueller and Teofilo Cubillas. Responding to the prompting of coach Ron Newman, the little Irishman gains an "Honorable Mention" in the annual NASL awards.

1979: Best is once more lured back to Britain, joining Hibernian which is anchored at the bottom of the Scottish Premier League.

Hibs pay \$100,000 to Fulham, which still holds his registration. An additional 13,000 fans witness Best's debut at Easter Road.

The Edinburgh club's position does not improve but the now veteran left winger does display occasional flashes of inspiration.

Back in the NASL, disagreements with coach Cor van der Hart lead to a move away from Fort Lauderdale.

1980: Best moves to San Jose Earthquakes, coached by former Manchester United teammate Bill Faulkner.

Drinking problems, long the subject of rumor, are acknowledged publicly. He blames his previous clubs, stating that all players are given too much spare time, which is often filled by turning to the bottle.

Hibernian sacks him for missing training. The wayward genius concedes: "Hibs had no option but to get rid of me. I've let everybody down so badly that there can be no excuses. Now I must get away and hope I can lick the problem of alcohol."

In the NASL, San Jose finishes bottom of its division.

1981: On his annual holiday in England, Best is so impressed during a benefit game that Middlesbrough, Oldham Athletic and Manchester United are all reported to be interested in signing him.

Billy Bingham includes the man he was replaced by in the Irish team in 1964 in his provisional squad for the World Cup, only to have second thoughts.

This spurs Best though and he verbally promises to join Middlesbrough but changes his mind four days later and flies to America.

In the United States, the 35-year-old proves that he is still capable of producing magic occasionally and wins the NASL's "Goal of the Year" award for one brilliant effort against Fort Lauderdale.

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Juve boss: We won't merge with Fawkner

Juventus president Sam Manenti quashed rumors that his club was about to amalgamate with State League rival Fawkner, as both Italian-sponsored outfits get set for battle at Olympic Park on Sunday.

"These rumors have been circulating for about two months and there's absolutely no truth in them," said Manenti.

"Juventus has been at the forefront of Victorian soccer since 1948 and we're not about to throw away years of tradition. This is Fawkner's first year in State League and it still has to prove itself in this standard of competition."

"We're working hard to build a successful team and we're looking forward to starting work on our \$800,000 complex at Clifton Park in Brunswick. We're going to show Fawkner who the top team is, both on and off the field."

Strong words, but by about 4.45 pm on Sunday I expect them to be ringing uncomfortably in the ears of Fawkner players, officials and supporters after Juventus wins this important Italian derby.

But let us not lose sight of the fact that Fawkner set out to establish itself in State League this year and is well on the way to achieving that aim. However, Fawkner concedes that it can't make the top four while Juventus is locked in a three-way battle for the championship. This added incentive and the respective current form of Juve and Fawkner clearly points to a black and white triumph.



Brilliant young Juventus winger Andrew Zinni



Victorian State League with CRAIG MACKENZIE

Green Gully Ajax and Melbourne Croatia should keep the battle at the top of the table tight by downing Albion Rovers and Ringwood Wilhelmina respectively. Ajax squares up to Albion at Selwyn Park on Saturday and without suspended Frank Macleod and Alan Bennett, Rovers look doomed.

Croatia won't find Wilhelmina an easy opponent at Jubilee Park on Sunday. While Wilhelmina doesn't boast players of the calibre of Tommy Cumming, Keith Adams and Sean Parton, it is developing into a well drilled outfit and it should put up a stiff fight here.

Morwell Falcons look far too accomplished for South Melbourne Hellas at North Crinigan Reserve on Sunday. Bobby McGuinness gets his chance here to creep further up the leading scorers' list against the most inexperienced defence in State League. And with Noel Mitten running back into form, the Latrobe Valley side will be looking to improve its goal difference from this encounter.

Northcote has exceeded most expectations this year but it faces fourth placed Polonia at John Cain Reserve on Sunday and looks likely to lose. The Northerners can't keep playing young inexperienced players and hope to pick up points consistently. Colin Quigley surely must come back into the starting line-up for this match. His talents are wasted on the bench.

Box Hill will enjoy its return to Wembley Park for Sunday's clash with Doveton. The Hillmen gave an unconvincing sloppy display against Hellas last weekend. Twice young left back Alan Roodhouse was caught ball watching and Box Hill paid dearly. However, with talented Pedro Ramos back, the home team can expect better things here.

Sunshine-George Cross should add to Croydons' recent woes by winning Sunday's game at Chaplin Reserve. It's taken combine coach Tommy Traynor a while to organise a well drilled outfit, understandably so, as the Scot only arrived here this year and wasn't helped by the teething problems experienced by the newly formed club. Now Traynor's men are set to finish off

Slazky denies rumors of Lynn sacking

POLONIA 2 (Przybyla 31st, Krysinski 70th) RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 1 (Garvey 1st) at Raleigh Reserve, Sunday.

POLONIA: Lukac 7 - Lipiarski 9, Mila 6, McCuskey 7, Smolarek 7 - Tront 6, A. Czapiak 6, P. Czapiak 8, Petrov 8 - Krysinski 7, Przybyla 7. Coach: Mike Lynn.

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA: Janssen 7 - Brooks 5, Gibson 8, Pena 7, G. Haupt 7 - Bakker 7 (Decor 55th, 5), Burton 5, Cork 6, Thom 7 - Nyholt 6 (in). Stewart 40th, 51, Garvey 7. Coach: Nick van Egmond.

Polonia committeeman and VSF delegate Stan Slazky was angered on Monday by rumors that the Polish sponsored club was set to sack coach Mike Lynn.

"What a lot of bullshit. Where do these rumors start?" said Slazky.

A good question. Even the Polonia players were discussing the rumor after their 2-1 win over Ringwood Wilhelmina on Sunday. The thought of sacking Lynn apparently got under the skin of a few senior players and Slazky was disappointed that such an unsettling situation had been per-

petrated, seemingly from within the club.

Lynn is in his first year as a State League coach and has guided Polonia to a three point cushion in the top four, establishing the Polish sponsored outfit as a clear favorite to take part in the end-of-season State League Cup competition. The last time Polonia played in the State League Cup was in the 1980's, so should Polonia finish in the top four it would be a major feather in Lynn's coaching cap.

Wilhelmina opened up in whirlwind fashion at Raleigh Reserve on Sunday, grabbing the lead in the opening minute when Neil Garvey latched onto a bad Danny McCuskey back pass, drew goalie Mike Lukac and slotted the ball in.

Polonia hit back in the 31st minute. David Brooks played a crossfield ball from a short goalkick and when Wilhelmina lost possession, Brooks found himself playing Janusz Przybyla onside. The former Motor Lublin player rounded Rick Janssen and thumped the ball into the roof of the net to make it 1-1.

Polonia had use of the wind in the second period and decided the issue with a stunning 30 metre drive from Tad Krysinski in the 70th minute.

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| Box Hill | 7 | 3 | 5 | 23 | 20 | 17 |
| Croydon | 6 | 4 | 5 | 24 | 20 | 16 |
| Morwell F. | 7 | 2 | 6 | 21 | 26 | 16 |
| Northcote | 7 | 2 | 6 | 19 | 27 | 16 |
| Sun. G. Cross | 6 | 2 | 7 | 24 | 26 | 14 |
| Fawkner | 5 | 3 | 7 | 22 | 26 | 13 |
| Doveton | 4 | 2 | 9 | 17 | 29 | 10 |
| Wilhelmina | 3 | 1 | 11 | 12 | 30 | 7 |
| Albion R. | 1 | 4 | 10 | 6 | 23 | 6 |
| S.M. Hellas | 0 | 3 | 12 | 15 | 45 | 3 |

Alan Bennett and Macleod sent off

SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS 1 (G. Bennett 74th) ALBION ROVERS 0 at Chaplin Reserve, Sunday.

SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS: Candi 6 - McKinlay 6, O'Reilly 7 (in. Kerr 70th), Scott 7, Taylor 7 - Stevenson 7, G. Bennett 8, Pate 7 - McGivern 6, Bain 7, Gilder 8. Coach: Tommy Traynor.

ALBION ROVERS: Costello 7 - McIvor 8, Macleod 7 (sent off 74th), Hennessy 7, Douglas 7 - Ferrie 7, Reilly 7, A. Bennett 7, Smart 7 - D'Sylva 7, K. Coyle 7. Coach: Hugh Murney.

Within a 10 minute period of the second half visitors Albion Rovers were reduced to nine men after midfielder Alan Bennett and central defender Frank Macleod were sent off. Nevertheless, Rovers gave one of their most spirited displays of the season against a very disappointing Sunshine-George Cross.

"We should have been 2-0 up at half time," said Rovers' coach Hugh Murney.

"When Sunshine-George Cross scored the linesman stuck his flag up and kept it there but Jimmy Fearn, the ref, pointed to the centre spot and gave the goal. I couldn't believe it."

Neither could Albion's Macleod and was sent off for his reaction to this controversial decision from Fearn.

Earlier in this second half, Alan Bennett had tangled with Chris Taylor and was shown a red card.

Both sending offs were bitter blows to Albion which had fought tooth and nail to contain Sunshine-George Cross strikers Carl Gilder and Mick McGivern. Ron McIvor had the better of McGivern throughout the game while Macleod, up until his sudden departure, had shackled Gilder.

The goal which decided the match came in the 74th minute and was a powerful 18 metre volley from Gerry Bennett, once the combine's better performers.

Margaritis' men crush Croydon

CROYDON 1 (Macleod 75th) JUVENTUS 4 (Incantapulo 8th, French 15th, Drinoczky 20th, Cullen 55th) at Croydon Park, Sunday.

CROYDON: Edwards 4 - Rainey 4, McComb 4, Wade 4, Hobson 5 - Brown 5, Dobson 5, Rooney 4 (Macleod 60th) - Irvine 4 (P. Loughane 55th, 4), Sweeney 5, I. Loughane 4. Coach: Bill McArthur.

JUVENTUS: Clayton 8 - V. Bannan 9, P. Bannan 8, Drinoczky 3, Hird 9 - G. Bannan 8, Rogers 7, Lloyd 8 - French 8 (Cullen H.T. 8), Zinni 8, Incantapulo 9. Coach: John Margaritis.

"I fully respect Croatia and Green Gully but I now believe that we are better than both of them. Our spirit is great, the boys stick close together and they're playing really well. With a bit of luck, we can go on from here and win the championship."

That was how Juventus' coach John Margaritis summed up his team's title tilt as the black and whites tuned up for Sunday's vital Italian derby against Fawkner, by crushing Croydon 4-1 at Croydon Park.

"I doubt if a team will win an easier two points at Croydon Park. We were hopeless defensively. Juventus killed us from dead ball situations and was 3-0 up after 20 minutes," said Croydon coach Bill McArthur.

Fabio Incantapulo's renowned shooting power gave Juventus an 8th minute lead from a short free kick rifled into

goal by the Australian youth team star from 20 metres. Croydon paid for its defensive ineptitude in the 15th minute when Graham French headed in at the near post from a Kevin Lloyd corner and Prinozsky also scored following a corner in the 20th minute. Coach Margaritis rested French for the second half, replacing him with recent signing from Preston Macedonia, Rob Cullen, and the dynamic forward took only 10 minutes to open his scoring account for his new club. Cullen dashed clear of a defender, rounded Mick Edwards and put Juve 4-0 up.

Gus Macleod, a 60th minute replacement for Jimmy Rooney, scored a meagre consolation goal for the well beaten home side.

Margaritis praised his full-backs, Vince Bannan and Harry Hird, after the match. "Right now, Vince and Harry are the best full backs in Victoria," he said. An ominous sign for Fawkner's forwards?

AMETCO PLAYER AWARDS

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Polonia v Wilhelmina: 3 Lipiarski (P), 2 Mila (P), 1 P. Czapiak (P).

Croatia v Ajax: 3 Williams (A), 2 Adams (C), 1 Hogen (A).

Doveton v Northcote: 3 Dowie (D), 2 Moore (N), 1 Thurlow (D).

Fawkner v Morwell: 3 Train (M), 2 MacLean (M), 1 Mitten (M).

S. G. Cross v Albion: 3 G. Bennett (SGC), 2 McIvor (A), 1 Gilder (SGC).

S. M. Hellas v Box Hill: 3 Kafafidis (SMH), 2 Verechia (BH), 1 Brownlie (BH).

Croydon v Juventus: 3 Hird (J), 2 V. Bannan (J), 1 Incantapulo (J).

Progressive votes: 1 - Moore (Northcote) 16 - Mila (Polonia) 15 - Cumming (Croatia), Kafafidis (Hellas), Tuffield (Fawkner), Hird (Juventus), MacLean (Morwell).

Leading scorers: 13 - Paul Lewis (Ajax) 11 - Cumming (Croatia) 10 - Przybyla (Polonia) 9 - Laif (Croatia) McGuinness (Morwell).

Doves' Buchanan taken to hospital

DOVETON 2 (Dowie penalty 49th, Thurlow 81st) NORTHCOTE 1 (Moore penalty 5th) at Waratah Reserve, Sunday.

DOVETON: Keogh 7 - Watson 7, Gadsby 6, Cork 6, Thurlow 8 - Bartlett 6, Buchanan 7 (in. Miller 48th, 6), Dowie 8, Webster 7 - Sirois 6, M. Lennon 6. Coach: Hammy McMeekan.

NORTHCOTE: Ostrowsky 6 - Carter 8, Buckler 7, Creany (in. Quigley 17th, 6), Mihos 5 (Tasatos 12nd) - Moore 8, Wright 6, Wilson 6 - Sahinidis 6, Patistoia 5, Cullen 7. Coach: Tony Vratina.

An unbalanced Northcote, with three wingers as its attacking trio, was no match for Hammy McMeekan's Doveton at Waratah Reserve on Sunday, in a match which saw two players, Doveton's Bill Buchanan and Northcote's John Creany, receive nasty injuries.

Buchanan was taken to hospital after a clash with Colin Quigley in the 48th minute. The former Frankston star was bleeding from the mouth and ambulance men suspected that he may have suffered internal injuries.

Creany only lasted 17 minutes. He collided with Ian Stirton and injured his knee so badly that he had to be replaced.

Northcote got off to a dream start. In the 5th minute Jim Sahinidis was felled inside the Doveton area and Stevie Moore converted from the penalty spot.

A second penalty, this time awarded to Doveton, levelled scores. It came a minute after



Doveton midfielder Bill Buchanan

Buchanan's departure. Quigley was robbed by Stan Webster who was fouled by George Bozikas as the little Doveton dynamo prepared to shoot. John Dowie slotted into make it 1-1.

The Doves nabbed the winner with just nine minutes to go. After Creany's early departure, the Northerners always looked suspect from high balls and fell to a dead ball situation. Doveton full back Peter Thurlow, getting forward increasingly in the second half, was given a free header from a corner to the near post. Young George Mihos was on the Northcote goal line but was unable to stop the ball going into goal to give the Doves a thoroughly deserved victory.

McIntyre hits back

Albion Rovers' forward Billy McIntyre, 38, hit out at comments made in a Sunday newspaper by Melbourne Croatia president Joe Sigur.

"According to Sigur I'm too old to play in State League and Croatia got rid of me 10 years ago because I was over the hill but I'm not," said McIntyre. "Let's set the record straight. Sigur must have forgotten that Croatia was kicked out of the VSF back in 1972. That was why I left the club. In fact, the club tried to get me to join Sydney Croatia so that I could come back to Croatia here once it started up again. "I ended up going to South Melbourne Hellas, so is Sigur saying that I wasn't good enough for Croatia but good enough for Hellas?"

"I've always wanted to see Croatia doing well. From time to time I bump into people I know at the club and we remain good friends. This is the first time that anyone connected with Croatia has had a go at me and it's very upsetting."

For Mr Sigur's scrapbook it might be interesting to record that Billy McIntyre has played with Croatia, Hellas, Macedonia, Albion and St Albans and has been top scorer at all five clubs. He was St Albans top scorer in 1981, the season he played sweeper!



A group photo of the participants at last Saturday's council of war at Soccer House (see page one). The meeting was arranged by the VSF which called together various state and national federation representatives to discuss the NSL's regionalisation proposals. The states will vote on the proposals at an ASF executive meeting on July 30 in Sydney.

BACK ROW: Vito Cilaura, John Hodgson (Victoria), Jim Karapotis (Northern NSW), Frank Bural (Victoria), Charles Valentine (NSW), Peter Nicolin (South Australia), Ernie Lamb (Northern NSW), Alex Chichanowski (South Australia), Ken McNeil (Northern NSW), George Wallace (Victoria).

MIDDLE ROW: Brian Emery (ASF), Karl Rodny, Ken Fairclough (NSW), John Dimitsis (Victoria).

FRONT ROW: Peter Coleman, Aulden Brown (NSW), Tod Iliano, George Joseph (South Australia), Ken Ferguson (NSW).

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NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE

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Brooks of Wilhelmina faced Bobby Charlton

Picture a teenage full back making his reserve team debut for Bury in the English Central League in front of a crowd of 10,000 and faced with opponents of a calibre of Manchester United's Bobby Charlton and Italian winger Carlo Satori.

The Bury youngster was marking Satori throughout the match but often found himself confronting the legendary Charlton. Now 29 years old and captain of Victorian State League outfit Ringwood Wilhelmina, David Brooks never will forget the experience.

"It was the first time in Bobby Charlton's career that he'd been dropped and the crowd was Bury's biggest of the season. For a reserve game!" said Brooks.

"I was too frightened to tackle Charlton. I was in awe of him. What a player. You could see his class, the way he stroked the ball out."

However, Brooks overcame a nervous start and made an impressive debut, one which earned him selection in Bury's first team, then in Fourth Division.

He was born in Bury in Lancashire and like a lot of youngsters, set his sights on playing for the local club. He joined Bury as an apprentice for a year, then signed as a part time professional.

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

"I was at Bury for seven years altogether. I played only a handful of first-team games, spending most of the time with the reserves."

Brooks toured Holland with Bury, playing in the successful side which competed in an eight-team tournament in Breda. He left Bury, during the club's purge of its playing staff, near the end of the 1972-73 season, joining Barrow, then in Fourth Division. Barrow applied unsuccessfully for re-election to the division at the season's end and found itself back in the Northern Premier League.

"Ron Yeats was player-coach of Barrow at the time and Tony Hateley played up front. The four years I spent there were great but in the end the travelling got me down. It took me two hours to get there for training. And I became more interested in making a career for myself in accountancy. Soccer came second."

Brooks left Barrow and played for five different clubs in the Cheshire League — Radcliffe, Borough, Prestwich Heys, Darwen, Horwich and Rosendale United — not an uncommonly large number of switches as the playing and coaching turnover in the league was high. While at Rosendale he met former Bury

team mate Brian Sinclair who just had returned from playing with St George in Sydney. Brooks told Sinclair that a move to Australia would suit him so Sinclair, who had joined Ringwood Wilhelmina, put feelers out. John van Hoboken, then president of Wilhelmina, responded.

"Mr van Hoboken rang me and I sent my playing details to him. He sent me over a three year contract which I signed and I arrived here in February, 1981.

"The money wasn't great, as far as playing goes, but I had a job clause written into the contract because I knew what part-time football was all about. Too many players come here without any experience of being a part-timer and they often find it hard to adjust.

"I was here for only about three months before Mr van Hoboken arranged for me to join Kwikasair, a division of TNT, so I'm deeply indebted to him for giving me a career opportunity. Now I'm an area manager with the company and I love the job."

Wilhelmina has spent the past two seasons struggling to re-establish itself in State League. This once-mighty Victorian club, recently formed a

new committee and long serving coach Mike de Bruyckere stood down earlier this year and was replaced by former goalkeeping great Nick van Egmond.

"The atmosphere at the club is different this year. The social side of things is great. That's because the new committee wants to involve the players more off the field. I think maybe things had got a bit stale over the past few seasons. And because of the coaching change all the players now have to again establish themselves in the eyes of the new coach," said Brooks.

"Nick van Egmond has introduced quite a few training ideas. We work on creating space by working in grids and do a lot of closing down work. We're giving the front runners room to work instead of hitting them with the ball and charging toward them. In England I'd say that most of my coaching was 75 per cent physical and 25 per cent skill work. I'd say that Nick's training is about 50-50 in these areas.

"I'm sure that by the end of the season we will have settled into the middle of the league and there's still the Dorety Cup to go for. We're going all out for a good cup run. It's something all the lads are looking forward to."

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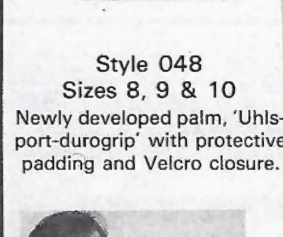
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YOUTHS WILL SILENCE CRITICS

It is amazing how people will use statistics to prove a point and of course if one chooses the figures carefully enough then they will fool some of the people some of the time.

Such was the case in Andrew Detres' column last week as he continued his series of articles in defence of Australia's approach to the recent test series against England.

At some stage everybody involved in the game in Australia has suggested that young players should be promoted to senior level and I cannot help but wonder if some chance remark in that respect has been seized on by Andrew and blown out of proportion.

I am certain nobody in their right mind ever suggested that youth above all was the policy we should adopt for our future World Cup teams. However at the same time one must never forget that the main purpose of the World's Youth Cup is as a means of identifying and developing young players for senior stardom.

Andrew said that only one of the 1981 Youth cup teams, David Mitchell, was selected for the series against England. Of course this is true, but he

Rod Brown to Dundee Utd?

Rod Brown, who helped Australia's youth team beat Scotland in the recent World Championships in Mexico will, according to Scottish reports, join Premier League Champion Dundee United at the end of the Aussie season for extended trials.

Nyilasi

Hungarian soccer star Tibor Nyilasi has received official approval to leave Ferencvaros and move abroad, starting a rush for his services.

Gassy coke

The Mexican F.A. is bla-

TIM WHITE
Victorian coaching director

added that none of the others matured sufficiently to make the grade.

Now, it is very clear to everybody that Frank Ark's approach to the test series was not one with an eye to future World Cup campaign. Consequently he opted mainly for experienced players. Considering this short-sighted approach, it is not surprising that the majority of the younger players were ignored.

It is a distortion of facts to suggest that they have not matured enough considering the different approaches of the national coach and the caretaker coach. Andrew's conclusions from deliberately selective facts was that the bulk of the 1981 youth squad was not ready so how can the 1983 squad be ready? What a short-sighted, negative attitude!

Despite Andrew's pro-

phesies of doom a number of the 1981 and 1983 youth sides will be very much in the reckoning, not only for the 1986 World Cup but also the 1990 World Cup. Do not write off Steve Blair as you have done recently because he will prove you very wrong! Players like Peter Raskopoulos, Paul Kay, Howard Tredinnick, Jim Patikas, David Lowe, Rod Brown, Tim Frankens and others, who have made giant strides already, will be seen on the senior international scene. Comparisons with the Germans are out of context for one very good reason. That is, of course, the one which is conveniently forgotten by a number of critics in this country — our players are not professional players and the sooner people in the game accept this the sooner more logical thinking in that respect will be the order of the day.

Of course, it would be ideal to have under-21 and under-23

international teams but does our semi-professional structure and geographical position make this a viable proposition?

It is a well known fact that such a structure does not automatically produce a host of senior international players. The fact is the German players are full-time professionals and of course we can learn from them. But a direct comparison is hardly fair. It was noticeable that England just has given some young players the opportunity of a tour and a taste of international competitions. Bobby Robson has learned about those young players and although they did not set the soccer scene alight they have gained more experience which is vital for their progress. We missed an ideal opportunity to do the same.

An interstate competition each year would provide a platform for players and would be a great help to the national coach. Strangely we pursue this at junior levels and of course the national youth championships provide the nucleus of our national youth squad. So considerations should be given to occasional games between states at senior level.

Comebacks

Of the last 49 teams to be relegated from the English First Division since 1962-63, thirty of them have won promotion since then. On average it has taken them three seasons to do it.

Dalglish

Kenny Dalglish would have been close to being the first Scot to win 100 caps for his country had he been fit to play in the Home Internationals and Scotland's three games against Canada. Now 32, Dalglish will be hard pushed to reach his goal in the new season ahead.

Balls pinched

A soccer match between Argentine clubs San Vicente and Belgrano was abandoned after spectators stole four balls. Ref called it a day after one of the balls kicked into the stand disappeared.

Birdwatcher

Jack Charlton who quit as boss of Sheffield Wednesday after considerable pressure and is still undecided about his future in soccer, has been 32 years in the game as a player with Leeds and England and manager of Middlesbrough and Wednesday. Charlton, a fishing expert regularly featured on T.V., has a farmhouse in the country with four acres of marshland which caters for his other hobby — bird-watching.

From JIM COOK
our European
correspondent

ming the sponsors, Coca-Cola, for the incidents at the Youth Championships final when 21 young girls were injured, five seriously, after fans threw firecrackers at thousands of balloons. The Mexicans claim Coke used the wrong gas in the balloons and are claiming \$24,000 from the sponsors for repairs to the scorched turf at Aztec Stadium.

Strict Germans

West Germany's Bundesliga is one of the most disciplined in world soccer. Only 10 players got

their marching orders last season and no wonder. For a sending off for violent conduct earns an eight-week suspension while two cautions in one game cops a four-week rest.

Alcohol-yuk

A new drug and treatment for footballers who succumb to drink is called Antabuse. The treatment is an implant under the skin which causes a severe reaction if the patient drinks. It is supposed to stay effective for six months but is controversial as it may have side effects.

SCOTS TOP IN EUROPE

Scotland's Premier League has the best clubs in Europe — and that's official!

Last season Scotland finished top of U.E.F.A.'s points table for the three competitions — the European Cup, Cup-Winners' Cup, and U.E.F.A. Cup.

What's more, the success of Aberdeen, Dundee, United Rangers and Celtic means that from 1984/85 onwards, Scotland will have a third team in the U.E.F.A. Cup.

That means half the Premier League will be involved in European competition every season.

"It's a tremendous break-through for Scot-

land," said S.F.A. secretary Ernie Walker. "As far as last season's points table is concerned, we were it out of the park. We had 10,500 points. West Germany, who finished second, only managed 8833.

"The number of clubs allocated to each country is not based solely on last season's performances. It's determined by the points gained by each country over five years.

"Over that period, two points are awarded for a win, one for a draw. Any team reaching a quarter-final, semi-final, or final, is awarded an extra point per round."

P.S. — For Scots fans still suffering from a Wembley hangover, England were fifteenth in the U.E.F.A. table

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PER LA JUVENTUS E GIÀ ARRIVATO UN ALTRO TRENO

Uno degli aspetti positivi della Juventus di quest'anno è che la squadra, anzi Margaritis, impara sempre molto bene dai pochi sbagli commessi. Basta passarli in rassegna alla luce delle successive prestazioni: dopo aver regalato due punti al Polonia, il turno successivo stringeva le maglie difensive e resisteva all'arrembaggio del Croatia battendolo per 2-1; dopo l'inaspettata sconfitta del Box Hill regala nettamente il Morwell per 4-0 e, ultimamente, dopo la mezza battuta d'arresto contro il George Cross si imponeva di prepotenza in casa del Croydon con il punteggio di 4-1.

Segno questo che l'allenatore ha la mente lucida e sa individuare i piccoli problemi che sorgono di tanto in tanto e correre subito ai ripari. Segno anche che i giocatori hanno la capacità di accettare la critica e di innestare un'altra marcia. Un tecnico ed una squadra che possono far ciò hanno il diritto di aspirare in alto.

La vittoria sul campo del Croydon ha degli aspetti molto importanti oltre il punteggio in sé: stesso. Innanzitutto è una delle vittorie più vistose colte da squadre ospiti sul difficile campo, poi dimostra che la

Juventus ha capito che questo campionato potrebbe essere deciso a differenza reti ed ha premuto l'acceleratore invece di accontentarsi soltanto di vincere, per ultimo bisogna anche tener presente che la vittoria era stata assicurata dal 3-0 del primo tempo, prima che entrasse il nuovo acquisto Cullen, a dimostrare che la squadra c'era anche senza l'arrivo di questi, che ha fatto un'ottima impressione per il suo spettacolare spunto veloce e che indubbiamente rappresenta il calcio più maccheronico.

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Ma in tutte le cose ci vuole fortuna e la fortuna per la Juventus è stata la vittoria del Green Gully sulla capolista Croatia; una vittoria non certo scontata in fase di pronostico perché, a parte la validità della formazione croata, il Green Gully avrebbe dovuto accusare qualche sbandamento a causa dell'abbandono del suo allenatore, McKendry, che aveva deciso di passare all'Hellas. Il suo sostituto, il giocatore-allenatore Smallman, ha invece guidato la squadra magistralmente in questo difficile incontro.

La vittoria del Green Gully ha così favorito anche la Juventus che si ritrova in cima

alla classifica a pari punti con queste altre due squadre. Proprio la settimana scorsa dicevamo che la Juventus aveva perso il primo treno (perdendo tre punti fra Box Hill e George Cross) e che doveva aspettare che ne passasse un altro; ed è passato, travolgendo il battistrada croata. Tornate a parlarci di prestigio ora la Juventus è arbitra del suo destino non deve più sperare in una perdita di punti delle avversarie, ma soltanto a doverle battere negli incontri diretti, cosa che ha già fatto nel girone d'andata e che potrà fare di nuovo nel girone di ritorno, magari giocando anche per migliorare il suo quoziente reti ed acquistare una maggiore tranquillità.

Intanto, anche se non c'è stata alcuna pubblicità, furono i preparativi per la realizzazione del campo a Brunswick. Vi sono stati fino ad ora alcuni problemi tecnici (bisogna ricordare che il terreno è un ex immondicezza e che per gli architetti e gli ingegneri del club hanno superato il piano e ora quasi pronto e dovrebbe essere presentato al pubblico in un prossimo futuro. Sarebbe meglio anzi, che il comitato della Juventus indicasse una riunione straordinaria del piano che per presentare tutto il piano, che oltre al disegno in sé stesso, comprenda sicuramente un grosso sforzo finanziario.

Naturalmente questo sforzo non è della portata del caso soltanto, poiché i fondi necessari sono enormi, ma i soci potrebbero fornire quel contributo finanziario iniziale ed una grande carica di entusiasmo che influirebbe anche entità e privati dalle grandi possibilità. Qualsiasi progetto che incontra un favore popolare, incontrerà di conseguenza anche il favore dei singoli più facoltosi. E poi sarebbe una bella novità: avere un'assemblea generale della Juventus in cui si discuta di cose buone, visto e considerato che ormai da anni non si discuteva che di problemi e di difficoltà.

MEDICRITA A FAWKNER MORWELL

Il derby fra Fawknor e Morwell è stato dominato dal vento. Le condizioni atmosferiche hanno fatto rimanere a casa molti tifosi e ne hanno combinato di tutti i colori sul campo. Un vento freddo e folate ha reso difficile il controllo della palla e gli atleti in campo sono apparsi molto mediocri, senza una manovra di squadra. Le due formazioni vanno riviste in altre occasioni in cui potranno esprimere meglio le loro capacità. Il Morwell ha finito per spuntarla a pochi minuti dalla fine grazie ad un gol da manuale di McGuinness. Messo in moto da una respinta di contropiede Bobby si è trovato con tutto lo spazio di questo mondo e con solo Kondarior fra sé e il portiere, sembrava che "il picciotto" andasse al rallentatore aspettando l'arrivo di qualche compagno di squadra al quale allungare la palla, ma, visto che i rinforzi non arrivavano, ha ingratato la marcia sfianata da Kondarior che l'ha costretto ad arrivare quasi

sulla linea di fondo. Da lì Bobby tentava la via a rete e riusciva ad insaccare in diagonale millemetricamente e senza l'aiuto del vento che anzi soffiava dall'altra parte. Una rete quasi impossibile che premiava, forse eccessivamente, una leggera superiorità del Morwell.

La squadra di Boggi ha giocato leggermente meglio complessivamente. La differenza si è vista fra le due difese: mentre la retrovia del Fawknor pensava quasi esclusivamente a rompere, oppure correva molto affrettando corti passaggi o rinvii al centro, quella del Morwell costruiva di più sulle fasce laterali con Bingham e Train che spesso avanzavano a portare la palla avanti con i piedi invece di affidare al vento lunghi rinvii che avrebbero potuto finire ovunque.

Nel Fawknor si è particolarmente distinto Fattore, molto deciso e sicuro negli interventi di rottura, ma il resto della squadra, vento a parte, non ha dimostrato molto affiatamento specialmente in attacco dove Cozzella e Palinkas si sono dimostrati troppo individualisti. Il loro modo di giocare ha lasciato l'altro derby italiano. Risultati recenti alla mano, i bianconeri dovrebbe ro fare un bel boccone degli azzurri, ma un derby fra Juventus e Fawknor diventa una situazione unica in cui passate prestazioni contano ben poco anzi, semmai depongono a sfavore delle Juventus.

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Ancora rimandato il tanto atteso scontro di Tiziano Cavallari che domenica scorsa non era nemmeno in panchina. Anche se era molto prevedibile, ci auguriamo che Cavallari non si sia perso fra le file del Fawknor e che abbia abbastanza orgoglio da provare una volta per tutte che è un giocatore di valore. Quindi, Tiziano... se ci sei batti un colpo.

Il Morwell visto domenica non ha detto nulla di definitivo. A parte una migliore impostazione come squadra, le prove individuali di alcuni dei giocatori di gran nome sono state nuovamente incolore. Lo stesso McGuinness che ha realizzato la rete della vittoria, aveva fatto molto poco fino ad allora ed Evans è stato addirittura sostituito a metà tempo. Mitten ha dimostrato un certo impegno superiore a quello dei suoi compagni di prima linea, ma non ha concluso molto. McLean è sempre l'uomo più efficace del Morwell e forse quello che può rimettere la squadra sulla via della ripresa. Ottima invece la prova della difesa, come abbiamo detto prima, anche perché l'attacco avversario non era molto bene organizzato. Purtroppo il por-

tiere Whiteside è stato messo fuori causa da uno scontro con Tuffield ed ha dovuto abbandonare il campo con una sospetta frattura alle costole. Al suo posto è entrato un ragazzo giovanissimo, Prezioso, che si è disimpegnato abbastanza bene.

Grazie a questa vittoria di misura il Morwell può considerarsi ancora in corsa per il quarto posto attualmente occupato dal Polonia a quota 20, contro i 16 punti degli azzurri. Per il Fawknor invece una tale speranza è ormai da considerarsi irrealizzabile poiché, è rimasto a quota 13. Comunque i ragazzi di Jukes Road sono al sicuro dal pericolo della retrocessione avendo ben sette punti di vantaggio sull'Albion e dieci sull'Hellas, che appaiono per ora le più serie candidate al baratro della prima divisione. Forse questa situazione che non permette né ambizioni né patemi d'animo potrebbe favorire una migliore prova del Fawknor per il resto del campionato.

DERBY JUVENTUS FAWKNER

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Croatia for the title?

Croatia-Glenorchy established itself as clear favorite for the Cadbury State League title in Tasmania with a 3-1 win over Juventus-Pioneer on Saturday.

The dramatic encounter between the two sides featured incidents both on and off the field. Referee Alan Gray sent off Ward and Di Martino of Juventus in the second half and was himself attacked by a spectator as he left the field at the end.

Kirkpatrick opened Croatia's account with a controversial penalty in the 19th minute after Di Martino had brought down Derek Trueman with a tackle in which he clearly was the ball.

John Charlton equalised, somewhat fortuitously, in the 71st minute from Kent's low cross to the far post. Croatia rallied, however, and knocked in two goals in the final nine minutes. Nunn made the first

dussi che, da buoni ex, vorranno dimostrare qualcosa di personale contro la squadra che li ha accantonati.

Il risultato, quindi, è quanto mai imprevedibile, anche se sulla carta la Juventus dovrebbe vincere con irrisoria facilità. Sarà in ogni caso un duello all'ultimo sangue che dovrebbe richiamare il grande pubblico italiano che in queste sfide ritrova tutti gli elementi del campanilismo e del tifo spietato tipici dei tifosi nostrani.

Ci auguriamo soltanto che la foga in campo non degeneri in scorrettezze e che lo spirito del tifo sugli spalti non causi zuffe fra gli spettatori. Prima di ogni altra considerazione lo scopo comune dei due campi è di dimostrare che siamo una comunità sportiva e che, anche se tifiamo scaldatamente e rumorosamente non raggiungeremo gli eccessi inaccettabili di altri gruppi etnici.

Fra le squadre italiane che militano nelle divisioni inferiori si sta facendo strada, senza eccessivi schiamazzi, la Triestina che sabato ha colto un'altra importante vittoria per 1-0 sul Rosebud arrivando così a sole tre lunghezze dalla capolista.

I ragazzi alabardati si stanno imponendo come dei possibili candidati alla promozione, se non addirittura alla vittoria di campionato. E' questo fino ad ora uno degli anni migliori della gloriosa squadra che sembra stia beneficiando dall'iniezione di gioventù ed entusiasmo rappresentata dall'amalgamazione con l'altra squadra italiana del Moonee Ponds. Un esempio che potrebbe diventare un programma per tante altre piccole squadre italiane che continuano a dimenarsi fra tante difficoltà nei campionati minori.

Ci auguriamo che la Triestina continui a riportare quei risultati che non solo migliorano la posizione in classifica ma che rendono possibili maggiore entusiasmo e maggiori sforzi da parte dei dirigenti.

Nuovamente vittorioso l'East Carlton (quattro vittorie negli ultimi quattro incontri) ed inaspettate battute d'arresto del Bullen che ha ceduto per il minimo scarto al Chelsea.

La conferma dell'East Brunswick Azzurro che ha riportato una netta vittoria per 3-1 sul Monash, riuscendo così a staccarsi in classifica dai cugini veneti. Gli avversari di questa volta non erano dei più formidabili, ma il risultato non dimostra la grande superiorità dimostrata dai ragazzi di Epifano che avrebbero potuto finire con un bottino molto più sostanzioso.



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PRAVOVREMENA POBEDA

U nedelju je savršena prva polovina Nacionalne lige, o čijoj se sudbini na daleko i široko raspravlja gde treba i ne treba. Na sreću ovog najelitnijeg takmičenja, koje prolazi kroz tesku krizu (jer nema pravog mecenata), avionске kompanije uklanjaju najveću prepreku. Avionske karte biće sigurno dva puta jeftinije, što će preporučiti sve klubove i popraviti tesku materijalnu situaciju. Po svoj prilici, klubovi će moći da vode dve rezerve, a bice i drugih olakšanja, koje će povratiti Nacionalnu ligu na normalan kolosek i izbiti adute protivnoj strani pod vodjstvom saveza Viktorije.

Pošto Nacionalna liga ostaje stvarnost sa lepsim izgledima za budućnost, borba za opstanak, odnosno za ulazak u istu, dobija sve više razmah. Jedini pravi predstavnik jugoslovenske zajednice JUST nalazi se u neugodnom položaju. Preči mu opasnost da ispadne iako uprava čini velike napore za spasavanje, ali bez značajne podrške rasećpane jugoslovenske zajednice. Prema broju kritičara, suviše je malo članova i dobrotvora. Ipak, pojavio se zrak nad nade posle pobeđe nad Sydney City-om, koja je u prvi čas povratila duh i moral u "plavom" taboru. Nije sala pobeđiti Sydney City, koji je imao sve uslove za pobeđu na svojoj strani, iako se igralo u Melburnu. Vetar, koji je nemilosrdno duvao kroz kose, nije odgovarao "plavom" sistemu i taktici. Moralo se igrati visokim loptom, što je odgovaralo fizičkim jačim gostima. Noseni, prvi put spontanim, navijanjem brojni navijači, JUST-ovi igrači su se pozitivno brojili za svaku loptu. Iako nije mogao mnogo da učini, Zdravko Lujic se je borio za svaku loptu, bio je tra u telu protivničkog odbrani, koja ga je jedva držala, najviše nepropisno. Zbog Lujice je protivnik dobio dva zuta kartona. Mladi Sulejman Curovic je igrao sa polomljenim nosom, ali je odigrao utakmicu života. Isto tako Kiril i Tuttil, dok je McDowell uspešno preuzeo ulogu dirigenta igre, koja JUST nema od kako je Frank Micic obavio klopake o klin. Ostali igrači bili su na njansu slabiji, ali su se do zadnjeg minuta borili kao lavovi. Pod teretom godina, Boland više nije popusta, iako se trudi više nego ikad. Jedini gol, koji je mogao skupo da kosta "plave", leži na njegovoj dusi. Ne treba zaboraviti da su Kiril i Tuttil poraz igrali ispravili par njegovih grešaka. Dakle, pitanje golmana je akutno za skorbu budućnost, iako Boland može svojim iskustvom jos da posluži.



Sulejman Curovic (J.U.S.T.)

Ova pobeđa mora biti inspiracija za nove napore, jer tak sada nastaje prava borba za opstanak. U nedelju 17. jula JUST igra jednu tesku utakmicu protiv Helasa na Middle Parku, gde će imati veliku podršku svoje verne publike, koja se je povratila u prvi čas, kad je "plavima" najteže.

ISKUSENJA ZA MAKEDONJU

Makedonija se vratila sa jednim bodom iz Wollongonga, gde je domaćin poveo sa golom iz sumnjivog jedanaesterca. Zarko Odzakov se ponovo upisao u strelce i dokazao da je trenutno igrač bez permera u Nacionalnoj ligi. Svoju vrednost treba da potvrdi dođe nedelje protiv St. Georga, čiju taktiku i sistem igre majstorski priprema Frank Arok. Utakmica će biti na velikoj visini, a pobeđa će pripasti timu koji ima bolje živce. Utakmica se igra u Melburnu na igralistu Makedonije, gde Odzakov i družina ne znaju za poraz.

PONOVO GUZVA NA VRHU TABELE

Green Gully je u direktnom susretu sa Croatiaom dokazao da je najbolji klub u Melburnu, zahvaljujući jednom igraču - Paul Lewisu, kome je mesto u Nacionalnoj ligi. Croatia je zadržala prvo mesto, ali samo sa boljom gol razlikom. Medjutim, pitanje prvaka neće biti rešeno do kraja prvenstva. Ipak, Green Gully je najveći favoriti, ali i Juventus je spreman da iskoristi svaki propust Green Gullyja i Croatiaje.

DRUGA DIVIZIJA

DRUGI TIM J.U.S.T.-a St. Albans 2:3 (1:1). "Plavi" su nadigrali goste, ali je odlučio iskustvo Vojtekih igrača. Dve teske greške "plave" odbrane i jedna pobeđa gostujućem timu. Ali je sudija mirne duše morao da dosudi jedanaesterac i za JUST, najmanje dva puta za iste prekršaje. Prvi put je izveo loptu izvan kaznenog prostora, a drugi put "nije" video igru rukom. Na drugoj strani golman St. Albans je nekoliko puta smelito intervenicijama i odbranama spasio svoj tim od zasluženog poraza. Strelci za JUST: Emil Petrov i Ian Purdie. Najbolji igrači za JUST: Ian Purdie, Slobodan Stojčević i Tom Karic. Skoro na isti način izgubila je i "plava" rezerva sa 1:2 (0:1), iako je igrala pred protivničkim golom skoro 90 minuta. Strelac Jim Fernandez. Najbolji: Jim Fernandez, Petar Krmic i Edi Krt. U subotu 16. jula "plavi" gostuju u Thomastownu.

RINGWOOD/SRBILJA-WAYERLEY CITY 3:2 (1:0). Uzbudljiva igra. Do zadnjeg trenutka bilo je neizvesno ko će pobeđiti. Ipak, pobeđa domaćeg tima je zaslužena. Strelci: Terry Masters, Pavle Jevitovic i novajlija Steve Sullivan. Rezerva su igrala nerešeno 2:0. U subotu 16. jula Ringwood/Srbija je ponovo domaćin Dandenong Cityja.

DRUG TIM MAKEDONJE-SPRINGVALE CITY 1:0 (1:0). Strelac Duso Nicevski u 22. minutu sa 20 metara u same raslje. Con Stoykov je bio malerozan od početka do 75. minuta, kada mu je sudija pokazao crveni karton zbog psovke. Sudija je pomislio da psuje njega, a nesretni Con je psao svoju losu sreću, jer je nikako nije bio sam pred golom, ali mrežu nije pogodio ni jedanput. Najbolji igrači: Arthur Christov, Jimmy Belevski, Jimmy Tanovski, Borce Momirovski i Duso Nicevski. U predigri je rezerva Springvale City-a pobeđila podmladenu rezervu Makedonije sa 4:0. Iduće subote drugi tim Makedonije gostuje u North Dandenongu.

PREPORODJENA MLADOST

CARLTON/MLADOST-YARRAVILLE 1:1 (0:0). Preporodjena Mladost, iznenadila je vodeće timove prve provisionalne divizije. Yarraville, koja već dve godine ne zna poraz, sretno je izveo jedan bod protiv preporodjene Mladosti, koja je nastupila nekompletna. Posle duge opsade protivničkog gola i nekoliko neispravnih prilika, Mladost je povel sa 1:0 izvanrednim pogodkom Borisa Srinovskog. Očekivalo se da gosti dožive katastrofu, jer ih je uhvatila panika posle ovog gola. Samo je sreća preokrenula rezultat. Jedna zablata lopta udarila je u drombu, prevratila Naumovskog. Protivnički igrač je naleteo i uhvatio na spašavaju golmana Savu Rankovica, koji je kasno intervenisao. Ipak, nerešen rezultat je veliki uspeh za Mladost koja se bori za opstanak. I sledeće subote Mladost igra na "svom" igralistu protiv Chelsea, koji je pobeđio Buleena. Ovo je možda presudna utakmica za Mladost, jer pobeđa otvara slobodu opasnost od ispadanja u nizi rang takmičenja.

LALOR/SLOGA-SHEPPARTON CITY 4:1 (1:1). Tek posle odmora Sloga je slomila otpor zlatnih gostiju, koji su se uporno branili i iznenada prelazi u kontra napad. Posle odmora odlučila je bolja kondicija igrača Sloga. Strelci: Tome Tasevski, 2. Ljubo Stojanovic i George Josevski. Rezerva Sloga pobeđila je goste sa 5:1 (1:1). Sledeće subote Sloga je gost Lang-warrina.

CLIFTON HILL-HAWKSBUURN 2:1 (1:0). Hawksburn je poveo sa 1:0 preko Steve Dereka u 18. minutu. Ali, kao što to uvek biva sa Hawksburnovim veteranima, koji igraju po dve utakmice uzastopce, u

završnici nemaju snage da očuvaju prednost i prepuštaju pobeđu odmorom protivniku. Najbolji igrači: Sander Kazi, Atila Biso i Andras Kazi. U subotu 16. jula Hawksburn dočekuje na svom igralistu u Knox City-u Meltona, koji se nalazi na poslednjem mestu.

JOS JEDNA UBEDLJIVA POBEDA BRATSTVA/JEDINSTVA

Moe Utd-BRATSTVO/JEDINSTVO 1:5 (1:1). Posle ravnoopravne igre u prvom poluvremenu, Bratstvo/Jedinstvo je preuzelo inicijativu i napunila mrežu borbenog, ali neiskusnog domaćina. Strelci: Dragoslav Jelencic, 2. Milan Stojilovic, Milekovic Culibr i autogol. Najbolji igrači: Dragoslav Jelencic, Dragoslav Sivec i Goran Veljovic. Rezerva je pobeđila sa 3:1 (?). Strelci: Zlatko Basic, Sime Rukavin i autogol. Sledeće subote Bratstvo/Jedinstvo igra protiv Cheltenhama na igralistu Jugoslovenskog radničkog centra u Keysboroughu.

ALTONA/VOJVODINA-WEST MELBOURNE 3:0 (0:0). Tek posle odmora Vojvodina je uspešla da probije bunker gostiju. Miki Cvetkovski je postigao treći gol i namestio prva dva za Adama Milera i protivničkog igrača, koji je zatim bio na pritisak sopstvenu mrežu. Najbolji igrači: Veljko Dupor, Aleks Micevski i Miki Cvetkovski. Rezerva su igrala nerešeno 0:0. Vojvodina je bila bolja u polju, ali neprecizna pred golom. Najbolji igrači: Jan Cus, Charlie Galea i Jan Skienar. Sledeće subote Vojvodina je gost Mitchama. DALLAS CITY-PASCOE VALE/VOJVODINA 0:2 (0:0). Golove su postigli Dony McLagham sa 30 metara i Boriz Cosic. Domaćin je igrao podređenju ulogu celo vreme, ali se sretno izveo kad da ne doživi katastrofu. Rezerva su igrala nerešeno 3:3 (4:0). Strelci: Trajce Trajkovski, Patrick Skulina 3 Zdravko Zlatkovski. U subotu 16. jula Pascoe Vale odlazi u goste Hampton Wanderersu.

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TARAX-WAYERLEY WANDERERS 0:4 (0:0). Dok su igrali ozbiljno, "veterani" Taraxa su bili napravljeni, ako ne i bolji tim. Posle odmora Steve Kosovac je počeo da igra za svoj rang, pa se ta zaraza prenela na ostale igrače, što je protivnik iskoristio da napuni mrežu Taraxa. Najbolji su bili: Damir Celent, Mladen Kresingler i Ljubinko Veljovic. Zalagali su se do zadnjeg trenutka da spru tim od tezg poraza. Iduće nedelje "veterani" igraju protiv Doxa Uniteda na Rayner Reserve, ugo Devon Rd. i Watt Ave., Oak Park, Mj. 16K7.

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Η μεγάλη νίκη της "Ελλάδας επί του Αλβαν - βρου 3-2 την περασμένη Κυριακή δεν ήταν μόνο μια άνεκτη πώληση του ήττου "έναν νικητή", δεν ήταν και επιτυχία του πεπεισμένου και έμμελου τεχνικού Δέν Μανέντρου. Αλλά ήταν και μια έκπληξη του φιλόδοξου προέδρου της "Ελλάδας Μελοβούρης Μελανβιάς "Ανεξάρτητος προς όλους εκείνους - που εθελώχως μετρούνται στα δάχτυλα - οι όποιοι ξεκινούσαν ένα πόλεμο έναντι του έπειθής ήρε της απόφασης να αλλάξει τον προπονητή Ράουκ με τον Μανέντρου προκειμένου να βρει ή "Ελλάδα τον καλό της όρμου.

"Αλλάβια που ήταν όλοι αυτόι οι κήρυκοι όταν ο όβόλογος - και δεν είναι λίγες φορές - άλλαζε προπονητές; Γιατί τότε εροσχημάτιζαν και τα έβαλαν με τον πρόεδρο και τους άνθρώπους του ο όποιοι δουλεύουν για το καλό της "Ελλάδας; Δεν μπορούμε να γνωρίζουμε αυτή τη στιγμή με τί αποτέλεσμα όλα αυτά και ποιοι βρίσκονται πίσω από τους ανθρώπους αυτούς; Αλλά έμαυετα σίγουροι ότι μια μέρα θα ξεσκαποστούν.

Θα ξεσκαποστούν άνδρες και μερικοί όσχετοι με τα ποδοσφαιρικά που έμφανιστικαν ζωφνι και ναί ναί μοστροβούν την όδην όδιν ή όποια όννε σόβν Ράουκ.

"Ανθρώποι που άν τους ρωτήσες κανείς οε ποιά όση καιείν ο Μπρόουν δεν θα γνωρίζουν γιατί έμαυετα βέβαιοι ότι δεν έζούσαν ούτε τους παίκτες.

Μηάστω λοιπόν και μάλιστα μεγάλο έδωσε ο κ. "Ανεξάρτητος οί όξιοι σονεργάτες του και όά όόλοισόσθουν κ' όάλα κολλά.

Τό γράφουμε όό με βεβαίότητα ότι τόσο ο Μανέντρου όό και ο "Ανεξάρτητος με το όόόλοιο ο Δ.Σ.Μ.Β.Ο.Ι.Ο. που έμνειν κουτά του όά όικνωσόν πέρα για πέρα. Την "Ελλάδα όό την κάνει μεγάλη ο Μανέντρου.

Η ΕΛΛΑΔΙΣ ΜΑ ΗΤΑΝ ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΟΜΑΔΑ

"Απέόειξε ή "Ελλάδα ότι παρωμένη μεγάλη όμάδα μέσα σό "Βουνό πρωτόβλημα. "Η νίκη της επί του Μέγα την περασμένη Κυριακή δεν ήταν τυχαία. "Εταν νίκη καθαρή ποό την χόρηκαν οί νικωμένοι μέχρι τέρα φιλαόλοί της και ποό έβδαν μια βασική όλλαγή έπώδω σόβς παίκτες τους οί όποιοι κλάιανταν για να πάρουν τόβς 3 βέβωος. Οί κυανόόλευοι φιλαόλοι βλεπόντες την όμάδα τους να πετώει και από κομπάρσους ποό να μίζόσαν λίγο πριν τον άγώνα να γίνεται πρω ταγωνίστρια, κατόόαβαν το πόσο όίκιο είχε ο πρόεδρος κ.Ανεξάρτητος για την όλλαγή.

ΜΠΡΑΒΟ Κ. ΖΟΥΜΑ

Τελειώνοντας για το μεγάλο ντέρμπυ όά έόλα με να άνασέρβωμε σόβν διαιτητή της συνάντησης κ. Σαυ Ζούμα ο όόλοος πρόγραμμα ήρε όρίσρια επί της σωστή σφύριξης του. Και όέν νομίζουμε να έζυνε κανένας με παρόντο από τον έλληνα ρεφερέ. Και πάλι Μπράβο.

ΝΕΑ ΝΙΚΗ ΤΟΥ ΜΑΑΒΕΡΝ

Νέα νίκη ήρε το Μάβερν εντός έδρας από το Κόβεντον 2-0 και σονεργεί να βρικόκεται σταθερά σόβν Ιη όόση του Βασηολογικού πινάκω. Τά γκόλ πέτυχαν οί Λιχόόδης και Τριανταφυλλόος λίόος και έπαξαν οί Μανέν,Σταόόόόος,Πα παόόόόος,Ζαυατζής, Ζαυερβελ,Τοόόος,Λιχόόδης,Μενόβης,όεληγιάννης, Τριανταφυλλόος, Μανρίόος. "Η Β" όμάδα νίκησε με 3-0.

ΙΣΟΠΑΛΙΑ Η ΕΝΩΣΗ ΠΟΝΤΙΩΝ

Παρά την σοντερική όπεροχή της με το ΜΙ ΟΡΟΝ εντός έδρας ή πρωτόπόρος και άήτητη "Ένωση Ποντίων δεν κατόρβωσε να πάρει την νίκη και περιόριστικα οε λευκή ίσοπαλία. "Η έλληνική όμάδα έπαίξε καλό ποόόόωοιμο

όλλά σόόήμε ότυχη σόίς τελικές προσπάθειες των παικτών της.

Μέ την όμάδα του Στήβ Κουρνούοι ή έπαξαν οί όόος,Ένωσαντατάρας,Γ.Πακίόόόόος,Κουλόος, "Ιωσφίόος,Ότοόί,Μήλιος,Ζουστρίου,Τζ Κατόόίκο,Τζ Κατόόίκο,Χατζίόος (65' Στήβ Κουρνούοιόος).

"Η Β" όμάδα έφερε Ι-Ι με τέρα ποό σημείωσε ο Γιάννης Φελεόόος.

ΝΕΟΣ ΤΕΝΙΚΟΣ ΑΡΧΗΓΟΣ

Την όόση του Γιένιούό όρήγοό σόβν "Ένωση Ποντίων άνέλαβε από την περασμένη Κυριακή ο πρόεδρος Τζιμς Κουρνούοιόος.

ΤΟ ΕΡΩΤΙΚΟ ΤΗΣ ΕΝΩΣΗΣ ΠΟΝΤΙΩΝ

"Η "Ένωση Ποντίων έλασόόίσε το γήπεδο για το όερινό τουρνουά. ποό όά όόρωσώσος και ποό όόνοση όά όέχεται τίς αήσεις από τα ένωσφερόόετα σωματέα. "Ας σημειώσεί ότι ή διοργάνωση αυτή όέν έχει κανένα όόση με το "Έλληνικό τουρνουά ποό όά γίνεσι σόό Μορντιόόόλοκ.

ΘΑΝΑΣΤΙΚΟ ΗΤΑΝ ΤΟ ΚΟΛΑΦΗΝΤ

"Όπως μέ είξε ο πάσης Σβίγγος ο τεχνικός του Κόλφλιντ ή όμάδα του ήταν πανταστική σόβν άγώνα με το "Έσθαυ και τα ό γκόλ ποό πέτυχε ήταν λίγα. "Η έλληνική όμάδα ή όποια άν πάρει και 2 βαθμώος από τον καστροσήμενο άγώνα με το "Έσθαυ όά περάσει σόβν Ιη όόση, είχε την όπεροχή οί όλο με όιάστωμα. Τά γκόλ πέτυχαν οί Πατόόόος 2, Σιόόόόος 2, Μ.Μεόεραόίος και Νικήτας Τυρίκος με πένναλτυ. "Έπαξαν οί Παλίοος,Τριανταφυλλόος,Τοι-τιρίόος,Τυρίκος,Μελέτης,Σιόόόόόος(85' Σωκέος), Κουλόος,Πετόόος,Πατόόόος,Μ.Μεόεραόίος,Λαμπρίόόος.

ΙΣΟΠΑΛΙΑ Η ΑΟΕΑ ΑΑΑΑ... ΕΥΝΟΗΘΗΚΕ

"Η όόρα Γιάρραβιλ καιζοντας μέσα σό ένα

γήπεδο ποό μόνο για πρόόίους είναι όέν μόρωσε να κούόίσει το Κόλτον ποό όέ 90' λεπτά είχε μια όύνο κεραία προς την έσ-τια του Γιάντα την όποια και όξιοόίσε σόό ΙΙ' για να ίσοσφάρισει ο Κήκος Μελέτης με όύνατο σόό σόό 37' ενά μέχρι τότε είχαν χαθεί πολλές ένωσφάριες ποό όά είχαν περδεί την έλληνική όμάδα μπροστά σόό σκόρ. Σόό Β' μέρος ή πρωτόπόρος και άήτητη άά ζα κρόητες την όπεροχή χωρίς όποτέλεσμα παρ ότι φιλόόιμες προσπάθειες των παικτών της.

Σόό 59' ο διαιτητής άήρωσε κανονικό γκόλ τοό Σανόόόόόος και σόό 65' ο ίόιος παίκτης τραυματίστηκε και άεχόρβωσε.

"Από την όμάδα οί πρώτοί παίκτες ήταν οί Δ. Διμητρίου και Β.Τερζόόης. Δέν άγωνίστηκαν οί τραυματίες Λιαόόόόος και Κτ.Αποστολόος.

Παρά το Ι-Ι ποό έφερε ή όόρα έντοόίος τά όποτέόεσμα των άλλων όμάων την ένόησαν και βρικόκεται σταθερά σόβν Ιη όόση.

"Έπαξαν οί Γιάντας,Τοσσιμάτης,Τοσλαόίος, Φ.Διμητρίου,Τερζόόης,Βούγιοος,Καλιπόλτης Τζ.Διμητρίου,Πετρίόος,Μελέτης,Σανόόόόος (65' Κουρνούόος).

"Η Β' όμάδα νίκησε 5-1.

ΕΚΑΙΣΕ ΡΑΘΜΟ ΤΟ ΟΚΑΗ... ΚΑΙ ΕΝΑ ΠΑΙΚΤΗ

Τό "όλη μετά μέτρια έμφάνιση και άποό έ-χασε πολλές ένωσφάριες έφερε ίσοπαλία Ι-Ι με το Σόβνκουρν με τέρα τοό Παλζόνα. Οί άντίκαοι έπαξαν αντιπαθητικά και κυ νήσαν τα πόδια των παικτών τοό "όλη. "Αποτέόεσμα ήταν να τραυματισεί ο Μ.Καβαρίόνας σόό 20' και σόό 55' να σπάσει το πόδι του ο Λουκάς και να μεταφερθεί σόό νοσοκομείο.

Καλότεροι παίκτες ήταν οί Κοντοκόστας,Κιάκος και Γιόσιόος.

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PETER OLLERTON
(Preston)

PRESTON v ST. GEORGE

**CONNOR RESERVE
K.O. 3 pm**

Previous Results
'82 0-1



PAUL WILKINSON
(St George)



STEVE BLAIR
(South Melbourne)

SOUTH MELBOURNE v FOOTSCRAY

**MIDDLE PARK
K.O. 3 pm**

Previous results

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| '77 | 0-2 | '80 | 3-0 |
| '78 | 4-0 | '81 | 2-1 |
| '79 | 1-1 | '82 | 3-2 |



KYRI KYRIAKOULEAS
(Footscray)